

Customers encouraged to check household plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks

Golden State Water Company (Golden State Water) is partnering with the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#) to raise awareness and help customers improve their water-use efficiency during the eighth annual National Fix a Leak Week, March 14-20, 2016.

Fix a Leak Week, part of EPA's WaterSense program, provides customers with easy steps they can take to identify and fix hidden leaks at their homes. According to the EPA, water leaks account for more than 1 trillion gallons of water wasted each year in U.S. homes, and the average household loses approximately 10,000 gallons of water annually due to leaks.

Golden State Water's local offices are offering free Fix-A-Leak Kits to customers during Fix a Leak Week, while supplies last. Each kit contains Leak Detecting Dye Tablets, Hose Washers, Drip Measuring Vial and instructions. Additionally, a limited quantity of high-efficiency WaterSense labeled showerheads and aerators are also available for pickup, or they can be ordered [online](#) and delivered directly to homes.

"Golden State Water always encourages customers to use water wisely, and it's especially important that we all maximize our water-use efficiency during California's current drought emergency," said Edwin DeLeon, Water-Use Efficiency Manager for Golden State Water. "Fixing household leaks is an easy way customers can save water and lower their water bills. Our free Fix-A-Leak Kits are easy to use, and we also encourage customers to check their water meter before and after a 15-minute period when no water is being used. If the two readings are not identical, there is a good chance they have a leak at their home."

Golden State Water offers online resources, including several tutorials to educate customers about fixing leaks and using water responsibly at their properties. To learn more about water-use efficiency resources, programs and rebates available in a specific service area, customers are encouraged to visit the Drought & Conservation section at www.gswater.com.

