Checking For Leaks

Reading your water meter is a great way to cheak for leaks on your property.

A simple check can be made by the following steps:

1. **Turn off** everything in your house that uses water.

2. **Look at your meter** and note down the numbers on the RED dials.

3. **Wait for at least 1 hour** (with all taps still turned off).

3. **Recheck your meter:** any movement on the red dials indicates you have a leak. If you are concerned or have identified a leak at your property, you should contact a licensed plumber to fix the problem as soon as possible.

How much water is lost from a leaking tap?

Water loss rate / volume

One drop per second



2.9 ml/min
4.176 litres/day
117 litres/month
1,513 litres/year

3.2mm stream



683 ml/min
984 litres/day
29,523 litres/month
359,160 litres/year

Two drops per second



8.9 ml/min
12.82 litres/day
385 litres/month
4,678 litres/year

6.4mm stream



2431 ml/min (2.43 litres/min)
3,501 litres/day
105,034 litres/month
1,277,865 litres/year

Drops breaking into a stream



61 ml/min
88.32 litres/day
2,649 litres/month
32,327 litres/year