

# SAVE OUR WATER

Since water is a limited resource and it is important to each of us every day, water conservation is essential. By following these water conservation tips you can help conserve water every day.

## INSIDE THE HOME

### Kitchen

- » Wash vegetables in a container, not under running water.
- » Use dishwasher for full loads only.
- » Washing dishes by hand uses more water than a dishwasher. Save up to 24 gallons of water per load by using a dishwasher.

### Laundry Room

- » Use washing machine for full loads only. You can save 15–45 gallons per load.
- » Check with your local water agency for any current rebate.

### Bathroom

- » Install low-flow shower heads.
- » Take shorter showers. (Showers kept under 5 minutes can save you about 12.5 gallons per shower.)
- » If you take a bath, fill bathtub less than halfway. (You can save 17–25 gallons per bath.)
- » Install a high efficiency (HET) toilet. You can save 6–35 gallons per day. (Check with your local water agency for current rebate.)
- » Install aerators on bathroom faucets. (Most homes built after 1980 already have these features.)
- » Turn water off when brushing teeth, washing hands or shaving.

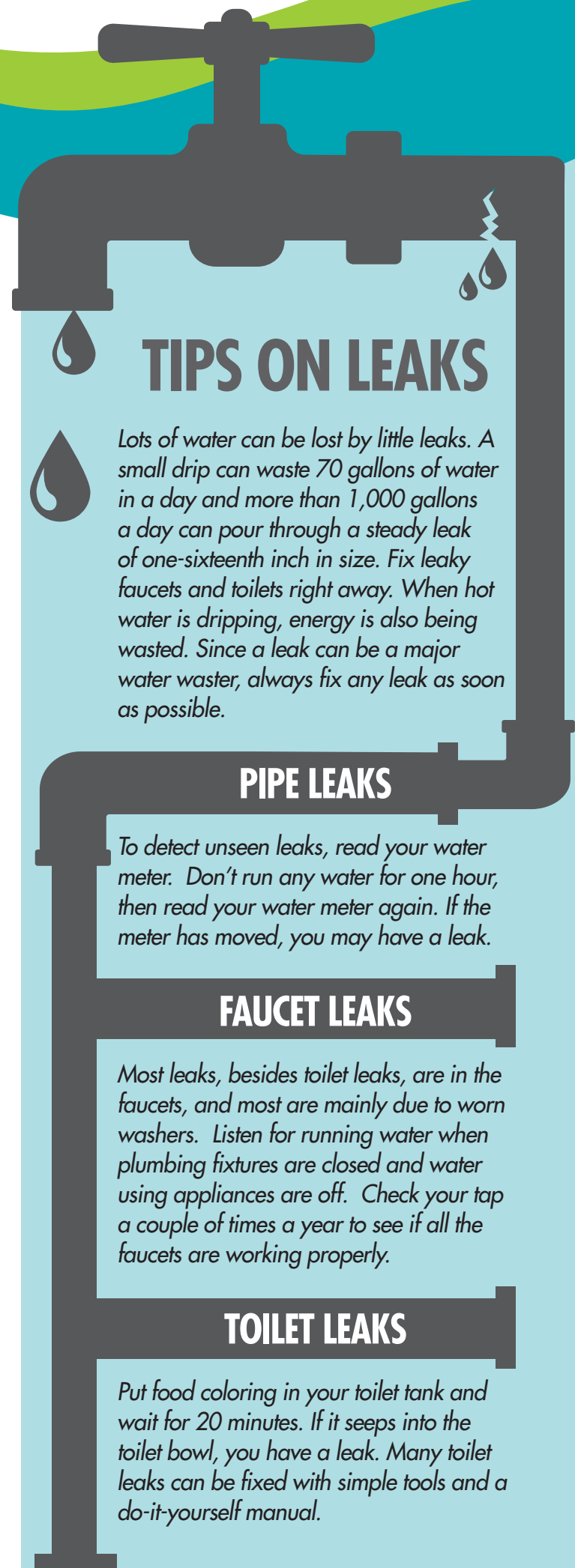
## OUTSIDE THE HOME

### Landscape

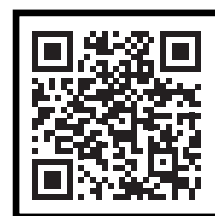
- » Water in the morning when it is cooler and use a layer of mulch to help retain soil moisture.
- » Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- » Choose water-efficient irrigation systems such as drip irrigation for your trees, shrubs, and flowers.
- » Water deeply but less frequently to create healthier and stronger landscapes.
- » Plant drought-resistant trees and plants.
- » During extended dry weather, it is important to water your trees. How much water depends on the age of the tree. For tips and additional information visit [www.californiareleaf.org](http://www.californiareleaf.org)

### Clean-up

- » Use a broom to clean driveways, sidewalks, patios and walkways.
- » Wash cars at facilities using recycled water or recirculating water.



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