



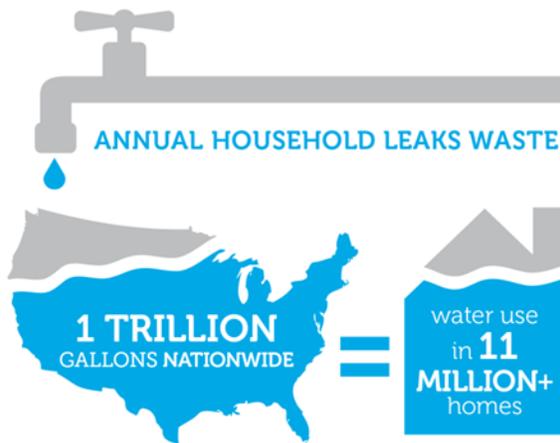
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### March 16<sup>th</sup> Marks the Beginning of *Fix a Leak Week*

(Atlanta – February 4, 2015) According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, more than one trillion gallons of water are wasted every year in U.S. households from easy-to-fix leaks.

This amount roughly equals the annual household water use of more than 11 million homes.



To help combat this waste, the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (Metro Water District) is pleased to, once again, participate in *Fix a Leak Week* by encouraging metro Atlanta residents to find and fix leaks. *Fix a Leak Week* runs from March 16 – 22, 2015 and is sponsored nationally by the U.S. EPA WaterSense program.

“Conserving water is an essential part of the Metro Water District’s mission,” explains

Dallas Mayor Boyd Austin who also serves as chairman of the Water District. “Not only is it critical to protecting metro Atlanta’s future water supply, it couldn’t be easier, and it’s the right thing to do!”

Make time to **check, twist** and **replace** during the week of March 16-22. If you do have a leaky toilet, faucet, showerhead or irrigation system around your home, grab a wrench or contact your favorite handy person, plumber or WaterSense irrigation partner. Below are some simple steps to help you get started saving both money and water.

- **CHECK for leaks.** Look for dripping faucets, showerheads, sprinklers and other fixtures. Also check for toilets with silent leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring into the tank, waiting 15 minutes to see if color appears in the bowl before you flush. Don't forget to check irrigation systems and spigots too.
- **TWIST on a new aerator.** To save water without a noticeable difference in flow in your bathroom, twist on a WaterSense labeled faucet aerator. Also, tighten hose and pipe connections.
- **REPLACE the fixture if necessary.** Look for WaterSense labeled models, which are independently certified to use 20 percent less water and perform as well as or better than standard models.

Further celebrate *Fix a Leak Week* by participating in the Metro Water District's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual **Water Drop Dash**, a 5K race and family Water Festival Saturday, March 21, 2015. This Peachtree Road Race qualifier caps off *Fix a Leak Week* and takes place at the Chattahoochee Nature Center in Roswell. The course is fast and flat along the banks of the beautiful Chattahoochee River. The family Water Festival follows with a children's fun run with mascots, prizes, activities, games, crafts and sponsors' booths. Race participants will receive a t-shirt and enjoy free admission to the Chattahoochee Nature Center all day on race day.

For more information or to register for the race visit [www.waterdropdash.com](http://www.waterdropdash.com).

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*The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District is the agency dedicated to developing comprehensive watershed, wastewater and water supply and water conservation plans to be implemented by local governments in the 15-county metro Atlanta region. Visit [www.northgeorgiawater.org](http://www.northgeorgiawater.org) for more information.*

*WaterSense is a partnership program sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by offering people a simple way to use less water. For more information on WaterSense, and for a full list of WaterSense labeled products and WaterSense irrigation and builder partners, visit [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense).*