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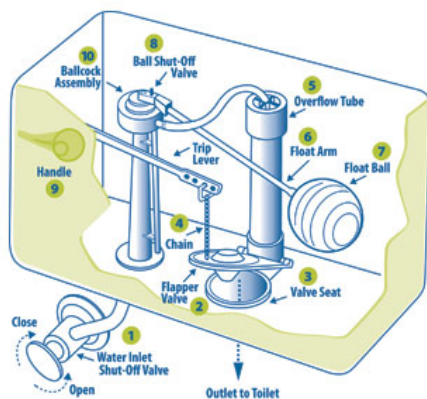


Shoreacres Shorts

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Money Down the Toilet !

Operating a toilet costs more money than you might think. Whenever the toilet is flushed, you are charged for both the water and sewer fees that go along with your toilets consumption. Toilets account for 26% of the water used in the average home. Current plumbing standards require toilets to use no more than 1.6 gallons per flush. Toilets sold before 1992 use 3.5 to 5 gallons per flush.



In an average residence, 22 gallons of water are lost to leakage each day, and the most common culprits are leaking toilets or dripping faucets. This daily leakage volume is about equal to the amount of drinking water a family of 3 needs for two full weeks!

It is not uncommon to find toilets leaking much more water than the average 22 gallons. Silent toilets leaks can account for up to 300 gallons a day of lost water without anybody noticing the leakage. This size of leak costs over \$500 dollars a year and should be repaired immediately.

A dye tablet or 10 drops of food coloring can be used to check your toilets for leaks. Place the tablet or food coloring into the toilet tank. If color appears in the bowl after waiting 10 minutes you have a leak. See the www.cityofshoreacres.us web site for information and help on fixing your toilet leaks.



To check your toilet for leaks, lift off the toilet tank lid. Without flushing, place 2 dye tablets (or 10 drops of food coloring) in the toilet tank. If water in the bowl turns color within 10 minutes, you have a toilet leak.

City of Shoreacres residents can receive free dye tablets from City Hall, please call 281.471.2244.



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Show your city pride with a shiny new blue & white City of Shoreacres vinyl logo sticker.

City residents can pick up their stickers at City Hall from 7:30am to 5:30pm Monday through Thursday; and, 7:30am to noon on Friday.

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