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Running Toilets can result in huge costs

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To most people, a running toilet doesn't sound like a terribly big deal, but what may seem like a mere annoyance can quickly escalate into a major problem. How serious is a running toilet? Just ask anyone who's received a \$500 water bill because of one. It's like turning on a faucet and just letting it run. Even a simple leak in your toilet can easily fill a swimming pool with thousands of gallons of water within a matter of days.

In most cases, the cause of a continually running toilet is a result of a hard or corroded flapper (the stopper that holds water in the tank before releasing it into the bowl when you flush) or an old gasket. The leak is usually contained within the toilet. In more extreme cases, a crack in the bowl or tank can lead to water leaking directly into your floor, destroying hardwood, tile, carpet and even the subfloor underneath.



If you have a toilet in a part of the home that is not often used, check it often. The tell-tale sign of running water from any toilet facility in your home should be addressed immediately. A few dollars spent now could save you huge costs later.