



FIX A LEAK HOME SCAVENGER HUNT

Did you know that easy-to-fix water leaks account for nearly 1 trillion gallons of water wasted each year in U.S. homes? Put on your detective hat and help us find and fix leaks in your home by going on your own home scavenger hunt.

Complete this worksheet (FRONT AND BACK) and submit your answers by **MAY 1st** to be entered to win special **PRIZES!**

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

WHERE DO YOU LIVE: CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE ALBEMARLE COUNTY

DID YOU FIND AND FIX A WATER LEAK WITH THE HELP OF THE CHECKLIST FOR CHASING DOWN LEAKS? YES / NO

Submit your responses by **MAY 1st**:

- Online: Charlottesville.gov/FixALeak
- By Mail: 305 4th Street NW, Charlottesville, VA 22903
- By Drop Box: Include with your utility bill to the City or ACSA



Help us bring attention to the importance of finding and fixing leaks in your home by participating in our Fix a Leak Events!

Virtual Fix a Leak Family 5K



Once you have done your home scavenger hunt, get outside and enjoy your favorite green space (bonus if it is by the river) by participating in our Virtual Fix a Leak Family 5K! Help us stop that running toilet; registration is **FREE** and you have until May 1st to participate and submit your results to be eligible for special prizes:
Charlottesville.gov/FixALeak.



Rivanna RiverFest on May 1st

Come celebrate and experience your river on May 1st at Rivanna River Company. There will be a River Race (registration required), music, food, and community partners to help connect you to our River. Go to the event webpage for full list of activities and details:
rivannariver.org/rivanna-riverfest.

Check your Utility Bill



Getting to know your utility bill will help you know when you have a potential water leak. Check out your water usage from January or February as a good gauge of a "typical" month of water usage for your home.

Also look for a huge increase in water usage compared to your previous month's usage.

(An average customer in Charlottesville uses about 400 cubic feet or 3,000 gallons of water per month).

If you do not receive a water bill or do not have access to this information, you can still get an estimation on your water usage by using the Home Water Works Calculator (home-water-works.org).

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CHECKLIST FOR CHASING DOWN LEAKS



Some leaks require a simple fix- a worn toilet flapper, loose pipe connection, or showerhead with stray spray. But you may want to consult a licensed plumber to stop your running toilet, broken sprinkler, water heater drips, or malfunctioning water supply lines.

Who is the water wholesaler that **CLEANS** and **TREATS** the drinking water for the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County Service Authority (ACSA)? _____

(hint: rivanna.org)

In the Bathroom

- Is your bathroom faucet dripping?
- Is your showerhead dripping?
- Take the Toilet Test! Is your toilet running?



YES / NO

YES / NO

YES / NO

In the Kitchen

- Is your kitchen faucet dripping?
- Is your dishwasher not full when you run it (full dishwasher is the most water efficient!)
- Do your appliances (dishwasher and refrigerators with ice makers) have pooling water?

YES / NO

YES / NO

YES / NO

In the Laundry Room and Basement

- Is your washing machine not full when you run it (full loads are the most water efficient!)
- Do your appliances (clothes washer and water heater) have pooling water?

YES / NO

YES / NO

Outside

- Is your hose bib and spigot dripping?
- Is your sprinkler system (if you have one) leaking or broken?

YES / NO

YES / NO

Water Saving Reminders

- If your fixtures need replacing, remember to look for the **WaterSense label** when purchasing plumbing products. You can pick up WaterSense labeled faucet aerators and showerheads in the **FREE water conservation kits** from your water utility.
- If your toilet is running, consider replacing it with a new WaterSense labeled toilet and check out the City of Charlottesville and ACSA **\$100 toilet rebate!**
- Skip watering when it rains and catch that rain with a rain barrel to use later. Check out the City of Charlottesville and ACSA **\$30 rain barrel rebate!**



If you want more help walking through your home looking for leaks, check out the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association Smart Home Water Guide: smarthomewatguide.org. Also, City of Charlottesville residents can request a Practical Plumbing Handbook!