

## WATER CONSERVATION

This simple test can be conducted in homes across east-central Illinois. Repairing these leaks can save a significant amount of water.

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### Do you have a runny toilet?

Here's a simple test to see if your toilet tank is leaking. Conduct this test once a year.

- 1) Remove the toilet tank lid and place flat on floor (1).
- 2) Add 1 dye tablet or 1 teaspoon of food coloring to tank (2).
- 3) Wait for 1-2 hours for the dye to mix and any water to leak.  
*(Do not use the toilet until test is over.)*
- 4) Check the toilet bowl for colored water. Clear water indicates no leak (3), but colored water in the bowl (4) indicates a water leaking via the flapper.
- 5) If the toilet fails this test, you have a runny toilet and need a new flapper (5).
- 6) To fix this flapper, DIY videos are available at [www.RWSPC.org](http://www.RWSPC.org)
- 7) Let us know your results, take a short survey at [www.RWSPC.org](http://www.RWSPC.org)



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**PASS**



4

**FAIL**



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