

DIY WATER CHECK

Indoor Water Check

Toilets

- 1 Drop 5–10 drops of food coloring in the tank. Color in the bowl = leak (usually the flapper). Fixing leaks can save thousands of gallons. Look under sinks and behind appliances for dampness or dripping.

Faucets & Shower heads

Check for drips at sinks and tubs. Replace high-flow fixtures with WaterSense-labeled options:
Faucets: 1.5 gpm or less
Shower heads: 2.0 gpm or less

Outdoor Water Check

Sprinkler Inspection

Run each zone for 2 minutes and look for:

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- Broken or clogged heads
 - Misty spray (low pressure = leak)
 - Water hitting sidewalks or fences

Watering Schedule Check

Most Utah lawns need:

- 1 day/week in spring & fall
- 2 days/week in early summer
- 3 days/week max in peak heat

Tuna Can Test (How Much You're Really Watering)

- Place 6–8 tuna cans around your lawn. Run sprinklers for 15 minutes. Measure the water depth.

You want ½ inch per cycle. If not: adjust runtime or fix uneven coverage.

Soil Moisture Check

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- Push a screwdriver into the soil.
 - Slides in easily = moist, no need to water
 - Stops quickly = dry, watering may be needed
 - Great for garden beds and new plants.

Leak & Problem Spots

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- Soggy areas: underground leak
 - Dry patches: bad coverage or clogged head
 - Runoff after a few minutes: soil compaction
 - Overspray: wasted water + higher bill

Review Your Water Use

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- Compare your winter use (indoor) to summer use (indoor + outdoor)
 - A big difference = high outdoor use or irrigation issues.
 - Unexpected spikes usually mean a leak.

Make Your Action Plan

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- Adjust sprinkler heads
 - Fix leaks
 - Update to a smart controller
 - Add mulch around plants
 - Replace high-water grass with waterwise landscaping (rebates available!)

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