

DIY HOME ENERGY AUDIT

WATER LEAKS



A home energy audit can identify hidden leaks, reduce energy waste, and uncover safety hazards.

As the audit is completed, take notes on what's found. These observations will help prioritize the most important improvements to save money and increase comfort. Whether completing repairs yourself, or deciding to hire help, you will be aware of potential issues.

Even small water leaks can increase your water bill or create damage, like mold. Fix small leaks with help from your local hardware store. If a leak is hidden, recurring, or causing damage, call a plumber. Renters—report leaks to your landlord right away.

Faucets

How to check for leaks: place water balloon over the faucet overnight; water inside means a leak.

☐ kitchen sink ☐ bath/showers ☐ bathroom sinks

Toilets

How to check for leaks: add a few drops of food colouring to the toilet tank. If colour appears in the bowl after 10 minutes, there is a leak.

☐ main ☐ master ☐ basement
☐ half-bath/wash closet

Exterior fixtures

How to check for leaks: look for drips or pooling water

☐ hoses ☐ sprinklers ☐ outdoor faucets or hose bibs

Interior areas

How to check for leaks: visibly inspect surfaces for wet spots, mold, or stains.

☐ walls ☐ ceilings ☐ floors ☐ basement

Sump pump

Test semi-annually to ensure it's working to prevent water damage.

How to seal leaks

Once identified, fix small leaks with help from your local hardware store. Call a plumber for persistent or serious leaks. Renters should notify the landlord.

Tip: DIY Energy Audit Kits may be available to borrow from a local library.

Notes:

