



Unusually High Water Bill Self-Diagnosis Check List

It's no secret that owning a home is expensive. An unexpectedly high water bill can throw a wrench into your finances and cause serious headaches. If your water bill is shockingly high, you can use this list to begin the diagnosis process.



Leaks

- Toilet
 - If your toilet is “flushing” for more than 30 seconds, it could be over-running
 - Put a drop of food dye into the toilet tank. Wait 15min. If the dye has made its way into the toilet bowl, you know there is a leak.
- Faucet
 - Even a drip can waste gallons of water in a day.
 - Try closing the faucet tightly, if this doesn't work, you may need to replace the washer.
- Pipe
 - Signs include, high water bill, mold on walls, cracks in foundation, a musty smell, and water marks on floors and ceilings.
 - To test this, you can shut off the water to the house and see if your meter is still moving.



Water Heater

- Check around the base for standing water that may indicate a leak.
- If yours is older than 8 years and hasn't been properly serviced, it may be using water inefficiently.



City Water Rates

- Check that your city didn't hike up the water/utility rates.



Water Meter

- If you haven't found any leaks you can shut off the water to your house and see if the meter is still moving.
- Alternatively, you can fill a container with multiple gallons of water (keep track) and check that your meter shows the same number of gallons used.

If you can't find the cause, call the pros at Aquarius!

