

# Town of Stockbridge Water & Sewer Works

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## Your water sewer bill included a leak notice.

**What does this mean?** The ORION Automated Reading system uses radio frequency technology to transmit meter readings. The ORION transmitter will indicate a potential leak if there is continuous water consumption for a 24-hour time period without a one-hour lapse.

### What should I do? Please check your fixtures and / or contact your plumber.

Toilets are typically the number one culprit for undetected leaks normally caused by a bad cock valve, flapper valve seat, improperly positioned float arm or defective overflow tube. Test the toilet by dropping a few drops of food coloring into the tank. DO NOT FLUSH. Leave for 15-20 minutes. If color appears in the bowl, then you have a leak and repairs need to be made. Additionally, check your outside faucets and hoses. This list is not all-inclusive. Finding and repairing your leak immediately will save BOTH you and the town money.

## LEAK\$ CO\$T YOU MONEY

Hole Diameter in Inches	Water wasted per month (gallons)	Water wasted per month (cubic feet)	Added cost to homeowner per month *
○ 1/4	393,833	52,651	\$2664.14
○ 1/8	98,666	13,190	\$667.41
○ 1/16	24,666	3,297	\$166.83
○ 1/32	6,166	824	\$41.69

\*Based on Water Only Rates \$5.06 per 100 cf