



NEWS RELEASE

DEPARTMENT OF WATER, COUNTY OF KAUA'I

MEDIA CONTACT: TERRILYN AMORIN, PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST I

TEL: 808-245-5455 | EMAIL: PUBLICRELATIONS@KAUAIWATER.ORG | FACEBOOK: @KAUAIDOW

For immediate release:
March 9, 2023

DOW honors EPA 'Fix a Leak Week' throughout March

LIHUE – From March 19 through 25, 2023, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is celebrating its annual “Fix a Leak Week” campaign, which over the last decade has helped Americans become educated on the huge impact a small dripping in their home can have on the environment. The Department of Water (DOW) is partnering in this national effort once again to offer free leak detection toilet tablets throughout the month of March.

Free toilet tablets will be available throughout the entire month in the DOW’s main lobby during normal business hours and at the Tanaka Hardware Store located at 2974 Kalena Street in Lihue, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

“Conducting repairs such as a toilet flapper replacement can save big in water resources and your water bill,” said Terrilyn Amorin, DOW’s Public Information Specialist. “We appreciate the continued support from Tanaka Hardware Store to help bring awareness to leak detection and encourage other businesses to contact the Department of Water for the free toilet tablets.”

The most common leaks found in the average home come from worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets and leaking pipe valves. Undetected leaks can result in an increase on monthly water bills if not checked and repaired right away. To help prevent wasting water from household leaks, DOW recommends the following:

Take a 10-minute test to check for toilet leaks:

1. Drop a dye tablet or add a few drops of food coloring into the tank at the back of your toilet and wait 10 minutes.
2. If the color shows up in the bowl, you have a leak that can probably be fixed by replacing a worn toilet flapper.
3. Don’t forget to flush the toilet afterwards to remove any dye in the bowl.

More 10-minute tasks:

1. CHECK. Check for leaks. Indoors: look for dripping faucets, showerheads and listen for running toilets. Outdoors: check irrigation systems, sprinklers, and spigots or hose bibbs.
2. TWIST. Twist and tighten faucet, showerhead, hose and pipe connections to stop drips. To save more water, twist a WaterSense labeled aerator on to your bathroom faucet.
3. REPLACE. If your toilet keeps running long after your flush, you may need to replace a worn toilet flapper or adjust the rubber ball attached to a chain in your toilet tank.

For more information about Fix a Leak Week and other leak detection tips from the EPA WaterSense program, visit www.epa.gov/watersense. Follow the trend at #FixALeak, #LeakDetective and #FALW and visit www.facebook.com/KauaiDOW.



Photos by Department of Water

Photo 1: Tanaka Hardware Store’s Darran Toyofuku (left) and DOW’s Terrilyn Amorin (right) prepare the Fix a Leak Week display located at the main registers inside Tanaka Hardware.

Photo 2: Free toilet tablets (2-pack) are attached to DOW’s leak detection information brochures. Toilet tablets are available at DOW’s main lobby and at the Tanaka Hardware Store in Lihue, while supplies last.

###

