

TIM'S TIPS... JANUARY 2009

How do I test my toilet for internal leakage?

Believe it or not, use Food Coloring. Dark colors such as Blue, Green or Red work best. First, remove the toilet tank cover and put it aside taking care with the cover as they can break very easily. Second, without flushing the toilet, put approximately 6-10 drops of food coloring into the tank water. Third, watch the bowl water. It should remain clear with the tank water changing to the color used. Do not flush the toilet for approximately 20 minutes. If the water in the bowl turns from clear to the color in the tank, then you have internal leakage. This will result in the use of excessive water. The probable cause is that the flapper in the tank is not making a good seal. Call us to replace the flapper assembly.