

**JACKSON COUNTY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT 12
HIGH BILL CHECK LIST**

1. Verify the reading on your meter by reading it left to right and ensuring it is correct. It will be slightly higher than the current reading on your bill.

2. Do a 30 minute leak test by reading all the numbers on the meter from left to right, for standard residential 5/8" meters there will be six dials. Make sure you do not run water for at least 30 minutes and take another reading. If the reading has changed at all, you have leak in your home. Most meters are also equipped with a leak detection dial. The dial is a small red star next to the numbers on the meter face. If all water is turned off in your home and the red star is still moving, you have a leak and may need to contact a licensed plumber.

3. The biggest culprit of a high water bill is a leaky toilet. We provide free toilet leak detector tablets, or you could simply use food coloring. Drop a tablet in the tank of the toilet and wait 20 minutes. If the dye has seeped into the bowl at all your toilet is leaking and should be repaired immediately as any leaks can become quite costly.

4. If you have a sprinkler system you should be aware of exactly how much water you are using. Take a reading before and after the sprinkling cycle. Subtract the start read from the end read to get the consumption of your daily usage. Multiply that by the number of times you water weekly. Now multiply your weekly consumption by 12 for your total sprinkling usage per quarter.

5. Have you had visitors or additional people living with you? Did you know it is estimated that an individual uses over 100 gallons of water daily.

6. Have you filled your swimming pool?