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Iowa Utilities Board joins water efficiency efforts

IUB partners with NARUC and EPA to promote National “Fix-a-Leak” Week

(Des Moines) – Since minor household water leaks can waste more than one trillion gallons of water annually, the Iowa Utilities Board is joining the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners in promoting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s WaterSense® programs and “Fix-a-Leak” Week, March 14-20, 2016, and to remind Iowa residents to check plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks.

This nationwide program helps consumers make smart choices that save water, energy, and money.

Customers can check if their home has a water leak by reading the water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same after two hours, a leak may be present. If a leak is present, a few simple water-saving solutions may help customers save money:

- For leaky faucets, check washers, tighten aerators or replace fixtures with a WaterSense model if necessary
- For running toilets, check and replace the rubber flapper as needed
- For garden hose leaks, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection at the spigot
- Each spring check in-ground irrigation systems for any frost or freezing damage

When replacing plumbing fixtures, consider purchasing WaterSense labeled products to improve water efficiency and performance.

For more information on Fix A Leak Week, or how to find water efficient products and services, visit: https://www3.epa.gov/watersense/our_water/fix_a_leak.html

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