

# GWC News For You

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Best Water! Best Service!



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June 12, 2018  
July 10, 2018

**When doing repairs, utilize the building's shut-off valve. Do not turn off the water at the meter pit!**

## Geological Signs of Irrigation Problems

Irrigation systems usually run when most people are asleep, so how can you tell if you have an irrigation leak? There is a fine line between poor drainage, over irrigation and irrigation leaks. However, since none of these are desirable, you need to investigate further if you see any of the geological signs below on your property.

### Old Faithfull

Unless you are drilling a well, water shooting up in the air is not a good sign. A hole in a mainline will run continuously and is usually obvious, but a broken irrigation head will only run when the zone cycles. Since more water is released from a broken irrigation head than a properly functioning irrigation head it can lead to the next three symptoms.

### Niagara Falls

Water flowing over a curb when it is not raining is not a good sign. Any water flowing over a curb from irrigation is water being wasted and is a sign of over irrigation, a broken irrigation head or poor drainage.

### Mississippi Delta

If you remember your middle or high school class on geology you will recall when the Mississippi River flows into the Gulf of Mexico the sediment is deposited in an alluvial fan pattern. An alluvial fan pattern on a sidewalk or parking lot could be a sign of a broken irrigation head.

### Grand Canyon

A broken irrigation head releases more water, which shoots up in the air and falls back to earth with a substantial amount of destructive energy. Depending on the type of soil and vegetation there can be erosion. If the start of the erosion is near an irrigation head it may be cracked, broken or have a loose connection at the base.

### The Grass is Greener on the Other Side of the Fence

Darker green spots or taller grass around an irrigation head is usually a sign of a problem. The irrigation head is likely cracked, broken or clogged. Green spots in the grass away from an irrigation head is likely just from extra nitrogen usually from animal urine.

### Green Slimy Curbs

If a slimy fungus starts to form on the curb you may be over irrigating...a lot or have a slow irrigation leak.

### Trickle Down Effect

If you notice a little bit of water steadily coming out of an irrigation head long after the system has turned off you may have a leaking irrigation valve. Most of the time irrigation valves work well. However, over time the diaphragm or solenoid in an irrigation valve can fail or debris can block the diaphragm from fully closing.

## Fix a Leak - Check Your Flapper!

Drip drop. Drip drop. One by one, those small drops add up to a big waste of water in your home.

WaterSense — a partnership program with the Environmental Protection Agency — estimates that household drips waste up to 1 trillion gallons of water every year nationwide.

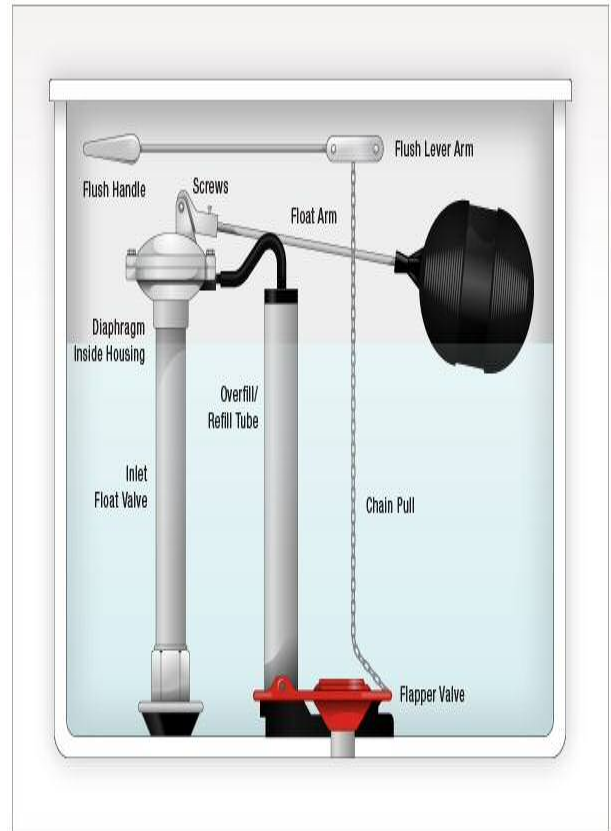
The best place to look for leaks is in the bathroom, you can find them all the time in toilets, faucets and showers, and a lot of times people don't even know they have a leak.

Rubber toilet flappers are one of the biggest culprits of leaks in the home. Flappers — rubber valves that hold and release water from the tank — are prone to mineral buildup and decay over time which allows water to pass through. The leaks cause toilets to run continuously and waste hundreds, even thousands, of gallons of water every year.

Understanding how your toilet works will help you track down leaks. You can identify a leak by placing food coloring or a dye tablet in the toilet tank. If you see color in the bowl after about 20 minutes, the toilet flapper is leaking and needs to be replaced.

Flappers are inexpensive and easy to replace. They have them at the hardware store and can be installed in a few minutes — anyone can do it. Don't forget to check the pull chain to make sure it has enough slack.

Another common problem in older toilets occurs when the float arm is not adjusted correctly and water leaks down the overflow/refill tube. These small leaks can waste 100 to 250 gallons of water every day. This problem can be fixed by adjusting the float arm.



## Ditch the Watermaster bill

Do you get the annual Watermaster bill for those water rights you can't use? Have you ever wondered why you even get that bill?

History tells us that when the housing communities were started, the available water rights were spread across the parcels. The water rights are surface water rights for the ditches off the Carson River. These ditches have been permanently blocked or the ditch has been covered, so the water is no longer available.

So WHY pay for something you can't use? The GWC will take these rights off your hands and you will no longer get those bills. All that is entailed is a "Quit Claim Form" we create, you sign and we record. If you are interested in transferring your rights to GWC, please bring in a copy of your bill and we can process your request.

Please be aware that the past due amount must be paid before we can process your request.

United States District Court  
CARSON RIVER WATER MASTER  
TRUCKEE RIVER

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
IN AND FOR  
THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA  
WEST COUNTY DISTRICT NO. 10  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PLAINTIFF  
VS.  
ALPINE LAND PRESERVATION SOCIETY  
& CORPORATION, ET AL., DEFENDANTS

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IN AND FOR  
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WEST COUNTY DISTRICT NO. 10  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PLAINTIFF  
VS.  
OFF NUMBER 2024 COMPANY ET AL., DEFENDANTS

GARDNERVILLE WATER CONTRACT  
1539 VIRGINIA RANCH ROAD  
GARDNERVILLE, NV 89410

REF: CLAIMANT# 0403547  
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OFFICE OF THE WATER MASTER  
CARSON RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 10/1/15 TO 9/30/16  
NOTICE# 1

As order was made and entered in the above entitled action on 03/24/16  
the fact described herein established to the expense of conducting the Water Master's office, in which order you are required to pay to the Water Master your pro-rata share of the  
administration of the Water Master's office on or before 03/21/16  
From the records of this office, your pro-rata share of said costs of administration

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