



Public Service Commission of West Virginia

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Public Service Commission Staff visits Schools for “Fix a Leak Week”

This week, representatives of the Public Service Commission will visit Chamberlain Elementary School in Charleston and Fairplains Elementary School in Parkersburg to celebrate “Fix a Leak Week”. Following presentations about water conservation and efficiency, students in the third and fourth grades will be deputized to look for leaks in their homes.

“Water Conservation is critical in our society. More than one trillion gallons are lost each year in U.S. homes. Leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water in an average home every year, that’s enough water to fill a swimming pool or provide over 580 showers. The small cost of fixing these leaks is paid for quickly by the money individuals will save on their water bills,” said Public Service Commission Chairman Mike Albert. Fix a Leak Week is an opportunity to encourage families to be vigilant in checking household plumbing fixtures and outdoor irrigation systems for leaks. To help save water, the Commission offers the following tips:

- Check for leaks. Look for dripping faucets, showerheads, sprinklers and other fixtures. Also check for toilets with silent leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring into the tank, waiting 10 minutes and seeing if color appears in the bowl before you flush. Don’t forget to check outside irrigation systems and faucets.
- Twist and tighten hose and pipe connections. To save water without a noticeable difference in flow in your bathroom, twist on a WaterSense labeled faucet aerator.
- Replace fixtures if necessary. Look for WaterSense labeled models, which are independently certified to use 20 percent less water and perform as well as or better than standard models.

For more information, log on to the Public Service Commission website at www.psc.state.wv.us and click on EPA WaterSense.

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