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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **The City of Akron Celebrates “Fix-a-Leak Week,” March 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>** *Public Education Campaign Helps Residents Find and Fix Water Leaks to Save Money*

**Akron, Ohio, March 19, 2018** – Mayor Horrigan is announcing a week-long public outreach campaign to educate customers about the high cost of residential water leaks and steps homeowners can take to find, fix and repair leaks. Local outreach events are being held in recognition of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s *Fix-a-Leak Week* which is celebrated from March 19 - March 25 to remind Americans to check their household fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks.

Akron “**Fix-a-Leak Week**” outreach events include:

- The Akron Utilities Business Office (146 South High Street, Room 211) and the Science and Technology section of the Akron-Summit County Main library (60 South High Street, first floor) will feature display tables with handouts on how to find and fix leaks.
- Information and videos on how to check for leaks will be posted at the Utilities Business Office’s web site [www.akronohio.gov/146](http://www.akronohio.gov/146) and the City’s Facebook and Twitter pages.

Toilets are especially leak-prone; the EPA estimates that 20% of all toilets leak. A warped or cracked flapper is the most common cause of a leaking toilet. Inexpensive toilet leak repair kits are available at most home improvement stores.

To determine if you have a leaky toilet, the City suggests removing the toilet tank cover and putting a few drops of food coloring (or other dark liquid, like coffee or punch) into the tank. Do not flush the toilet and wait 15 minutes. If the water in the bowl remains clear, you do not have a leak. However, if the water in the bowl becomes discolored, that is an indication that there is a leak. After the test, flush the toilet to avoid staining your toilet tank or bowl.

If a City of Akron customer experiences a water leak, they may qualify for relief on their high bill by submitting a Utility Bill Relief Affidavit. Please contact the Utilities Business Office at (330) 375-2554 or click [here](#) for additional information on the program.

The City of Akron provides retail water and sewer service to approximately 85,000 accounts in Summit County including Akron, Fairlawn, Mogadore and portions of Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Bath, Springfield, Copley and Coventry townships.

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