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Neighborhood

NEWS

3 Things You Need to Know

1. PID6 Bike Share Proposal voted to not put in the bike share in Arcadia Park, see [page 7](#).
2. The Playground at Arcadia Park #3 is scheduled to be replaced by the City of Fort Worth this year. Our community has the opportunity to choose which of the designs we prefer, see survey link on [page 8](#).
3. To help neighbors that had damage from the winter storm Resources for Winter Storm Recover are on [page 13](#) and a Leak Detection Checklist is on [page 14](#).

PGNA Board Meeting

Homeowners are always welcome at PGNA Board Meetings held at 7pm every third Monday (except for the combined November/December meeting held on the first Monday of December). The next meeting is March 15, 2021. Meetings are held online go to the [ParkGlen.org](https://www.parkglen.org) for the directions.



PID6 Board Meeting

PID stands for Property Improvement District. A PID is a public entity administered by the City of Fort Worth for improvements, projects and special supplemental services over and above those normally provided by the city. Neighborhoods that fall under PID 6's umbrella are Park Glen, Parkway at Park Glen, Park Place, Parkway Hill, Parkwood Estates, Summerbrook, Basswood Park, Park Bend and Villages of Parkwood Hill. PID 6 is located in Fort Worth [City Council District 4](#), represented by [Councilmember Cary Moon](#). Homeowners are always welcome at PID6 Board Meetings held at 6:30-8:30 p.m. The next meeting is March 25, 2021. Meetings are held online due to COVID-19, go to [PID6.org](https://www.pid6.org) for directions.



PGNA Scholarship Program Coming up and Judges Needed

Park Glen's Annual Scholarship Program is scheduled to be discussed at its March 15th Board meeting. Program guidelines and the application will be posted at www.ParkGlen.org after April 1st with applications typically accepted May 1 through June 1. If you have any questions, or if you



would be interested in being a Judge for the Scholarship Program, please email PGNASusan@gmail.com

If you are interested in donating as an individual or business to the Scholarship Program, please email PGNA Board Treasurer Paul Grove at PGNAPaul@gmail.com



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6 Simple Ways to Make Your Neighborhood Safer

By Neighborhood Police Officer Derrick Simpson

1) Make friends with neighbors

Familiarizing yourself with neighbors can be a win-win situation. Offer yourself as a resource in case of emergencies or help needed on their end; some neighbors might reciprocate the offer. See if they are comfortable sharing their needs. Are there small children you should look out for? Do you live next to an older couple that stays home but sometimes needs help? Does your neighbor have indoor pets, and should you call if you ever see the pets outside? Planning get-togethers based on physical activity is a great way to get to know neighbors (Pre-Covid-19). Arrange to go on walks or to have your children play together outside. Ensure all kids are a safe distance away from traffic and teach them safe rules for playing outside together.



2) Keep up your yard

A well-kept yard can help deter crime since trimmed foliage offers fewer places to hide. And fences can, of course, keep unwanted visitors out.

3) Exercise caution when you go out of town on vacation.

Burglars look for easy targets. They rely mostly on easily scannable visual cues. They look for houses that have lots of newspapers or sales flyers that are over the front porch or door. They look for houses that have tall uncut grass. Consider swapping offers with neighbors to keep an eye on each other's homes when out of town. Even small efforts can deter crime. Favors might include mowing your lawn, picking up your mail and newspapers. You could even have a neighbor park a car in your driveway occasionally while you are gone. Make sure to return the favor if payment is not involved. Use timers on your lights or find a smart security system that will allow you to turn lamps off and on remotely.



4) Close windows and blinds at night

A big-screen TV is a less enticing steal if no one knows it's there. Leaving your blinds open and lights on at night provides a free look into your house, its layout, and the habits of its occupants. And leaving windows open at night or when you're gone is an invitation for an uninvited guest to come on in.



5) Improve lighting on your street

Burglars often prefer to target neighborhoods with lower residential density. If you see any streetlights that are out, you can call the city number at (817)392-4222 to report it. Ask that each household turn on their porch lights in the evenings and install motion-detector lights in the backs or sides of the house so potential intruders do not have the darkness to hide in. Burglars also prefer homes with multiple entry points or detached properties, so ensure that all doorways and pathways are well lit.

6) Install a security system and cameras

In the end, one of the surest options for crime prevention in your neighborhood is to get a home security system and use it properly. Cameras are one of the best deterrents that money can buy!! They are not a guarantee, but it sure helps. The police detectives have closed a lot of burglary and theft cases with the help of the doorbell cameras.

Improving neighborhood safety is a team effort, but it needs to start with someone. As you get to know your neighbors, discuss your concerns, and apply some of the ideas above, you will find that your neighborhood becomes not only a safer place to be but a more enjoyable one.



Derrick Simpson (our NPO officer) Derrick.Simpson@fortworthtexas.gov
Jon Grady (Safety and Security Liaison for PID6—(pid6.org)) PID6Patrol@aol.com

The NPO does not work weekends unless it's a special event. If there is something that needs immediate police attention call 911, if not call non-emergency (817)392-4222.

Please Stay Safe!!

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING!!!

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PGNA Landscape Corner

by Lazy Gardener

Park Glen may have dodged a big bullet during the recent winter storm which left many without power and in some cases without water. Having to boil water may be inconvenient but it pales in comparison to the hardships roughly 25% of Texans faced. Last month, Texas experienced the coldest winter temperatures that we have seen in many years. While reliably hardy plants in our landscapes came through this weather without significant damage, many plants were significantly affected.

In one of my earlier posts, I mentioned that we sit in a Zone 7b or 8a; I also mentioned that plants zoned for Zone 8+, aka tropical plants, were more susceptible to frost damage if our weather got bad enough. It has been ten years since our last major cold snap but last week's persistently cold weather was more reminiscent of the winter of 1989 when many mature plants were killed by the cold.

So, you're probably asking yourself: "what do I do now; is my plant still alive; and will it recover?" These questions are hard to answer for individual plants. The extent of the damage is obvious on some tender plants, but the full impact may be a month or two from being obvious, there are way too many variables, but it does not hurt to be optimistic.

Tender plants in outdoor pots are especially vulnerable to the cold. Ideally, they should be moved indoors or into a garage where they will not be exposed to freezing temperatures. If you took a chance and left container tropicals outside and they suffered cold damage, learn from this, and make a point of bringing outside containers indoors in the future.

The second concern is, "What should I do to help my plants recover?" Unfortunately, the damage is done, there is nothing you can do now to alter that. If your plants survived, they would recover if you simply leave them alone. If the plant did not make it, nothing you do now will bring it back. What you should NOT do is to fertilize, water excessively or do anything like that as this will add serious stress to the plant. The most you want to do is to prune off dead, cold-damaged branches; this is done mostly to tidy things up a bit.

Note, pruning or not pruning is not a major factor in helping cold-damaged tropical plants survive or recover, but it can make it look a bit more presentable. The rule of thumb in pruning back freeze-damaged plants is: if you can determine what is alive and what is dead on the plant, feel free to prune off the dead tissue. If you are not sure, you may leave them alone until spring when the living parts of the plants begin to sprout and re-grow, it will be easy to see what is dead and you can prune then.

It is not hard to see what is dead on tender herbaceous plants — such as cannas, ferns, elephant ears, begonias, etc. — so we generally cut them back to a few inches above the ground and cover with mulch.

The woody stems of woody shrubs, trees and vines do not typically show cold damage, even though the foliage may be totally dead. A dead woody stem looks a lot like a living woody stem, although splitting and peeling of the bark are a good sign the stems are dead. Try scratching the bark with your thumbnail, if the tissue underneath is green, it is still alive, if the tissue is tan or brown, the branch is dead. Start at the top and work your way down to see how far back the plant was killed. If you are still in doubt, just leave woody plants alone until spring when it will quickly become obvious.

Cold-damaged plants that produce bulbs, rhizomes or other fleshy below-ground organs should be fine, including agapanthus, amaryllis, crinum, canna, and ginger. Cut the damaged foliage back down to the ground and apply a few inches of mulch over the bulbs.

After the freezes last month, you may decide to reduce the percentage of tropicals that make up your landscape by planting hardy, evergreen plants. The majority of trees, shrubs and ground covers available at area nurseries are fully hardy in Texas, just be sure that they are compatible to Zone 7.



Update on Bike Sharing for Arcadia Park

PID6 was considering putting bike sharing in the Park, and Park Glen Neighborhood Association put this topic on their Board Meeting agenda on Feb. 22nd. The majority of those present were against the bike share, and the PGNA Board made a motion telling the PID6 that they were not in support of the bike sharing. Since then, a survey developed by PID6 was widely posted on the official Park Glen Neighborhood Association Facebook page and on the Park Glen Neighborhood Neighbors Facebook page, along with a lot of discussion. In addition, the PGNA sent the PID6 bike share survey via e-blast.



The results of this survey and PID6 decision are below:

At the PID6's Feb. 25th Board Meeting, the PID6 Board voted unanimously to **not** put in the bike share in Arcadia Park. In the Bike Share Survey, PID6 counted votes located within the PID6 boundary and one vote per household.

The PID6 Bike Share Survey results were:

240 Against Bike Share (73%)
90 In favor of Bike Share (27%)
 330 Total Votes

PID Bike Share Survey



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Spring Yard Cleanup

Spring is right around the corner, so it is time to start spring yard cleanup, which could include removing leaves, weeds and plant debris, mulching, and fertilizing. There is so much to do and learn, and Fort Worth Water can help.

Take classes to learn more:

- 🌸 Spring Clean Up virtual water saving seminar on **March 11**.
- 🌸 Virtual Irrigation 101 workshops on **March 16 and April 13**.
- 🌸 Turf and Irrigation Maintenance virtual water saving seminar on **April 8**.



[Click here for more information.](#)

PGNA Survey for Arcadia Park #3 Playground Replacement

The Playground at Arcadia Park #3 (located at 4800 Seneca Drive) is scheduled to be replaced by the City of Fort Worth this year.

Our community has the opportunity to choose which of three playground design options we prefer as well as the color. All playground options can either be primary (red/yellow/blue) or natural (green/brown/tan) colors. For your information, Design Option #2 is already in two locations in the Park.

The survey deadline is Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. If you have any questions, please email PGNA President, Susan Kenney at PGNASusan@gmail.com

Survey Link is here: <https://forms.gle/sksSmcnSvzbqWv2Q9>



NEW SERVICE GROUP

**A NEW SERVICE GROUP HAS BEEN FORMED TO ASSIST
PARK GLEN RESIDENTS WHO NEED HELP WITH YARD WORK**

The new service group will help Park Glen residents, for a short time, who have special circumstances preventing them from doing their yard work. Park Glen Scouts: Crew 205, Troop 205, and Troop 2205 have volunteered to do yard work that includes mowing, trimming, edging, etc.



Please call or text Kristy Shallcross, the Volunteer Chair of this service group at **817-908-0095** to explain your circumstance and what needs to be done in your yard (front and/or back yard).

**THIS SERVICE GROUP IS NOT A SERVICE OF
PARK GLEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (PGNA) AND PGNA HAS NO INVOLVEMENT.**

Park Glen Scouting

By Bob Kilburn

February is an incredibly special month for Scouting. The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. That means simply wearing the full field uniform to worship services, where the worship leader presents religious emblems and awards to Scouts and Scouters, respectively. In others, the pack, troop, team, or crew conducts a service project that benefits the religious organization as a way to thank our charter organization.

On February 22nd BSA celebrates Founders' Day. The day marks the birthday of Robert Baden-Powell, 1st Baron Baden-Powell (born in 1857), the founder of Scouting. Baden-Powell was a British army officer who founded the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. Born in London, England, he died in Kenya, Africa, on January 8, 1941.

Troop 205 & Crew 205 participated in the Park Glen Service Day this month. They did yard work and helped clean up around the neighborhood for homeowners needing assistance. They did a great job.

The Scouts hiked the 55th Annual Paul Kempf Memorial Hike in the Suburbs of NRH & Keller 50 miles. They hiked a Friday evening for 25 miles and the following Sunday morning 25 more miles to complete the 50-mile hike and like the mail and the postman, nothing stops them. Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night, etc.. Scouts from both Troop 2205 and Troop 205 continued preparing for their expedition to Scouting paradise this summer hiking and training every month, learning how to hike, cook and camp in the backcountry.

Scouts completed their Spring Fundraiser selling through the last week of February and will deliver to homes in our neighborhood on March 6th. Thank you for your support. If you want some mulch, Contact Deanna Kilburn 817-229-4051 or email: troop205tx@gmail.com. **We will have some available for Pick up at the Parking Lot of Alliance United Methodist Church 7904 Park Vista Saturday March 6, 2021 at 10 a.m.**

Crew 205 had several fundraising activities to help fund their trip to Vienna, Austria summer 2021. They had some fun renting a movie theater for the crew to watch a movie and doing an escape room along with some major planning for the trip this summer.

On February 21st BSA Celebrated service, leadership, and the groundbreaking accomplishments of the first female Eagle Scouts. Eagle Scouts have been leading positive change in their communities for more than a century. That tradition continues with the historic inaugural class of Female Eagle Scouts.

Interested in Scouting in the Park Glen Area?

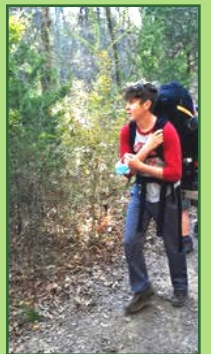
Contact **Bob Kilburn** at 817-789-9907 or bobkilburn@sbcglobal.net or visit our websites:

For the Venture Crew 205: www.crew205tx.com

For Scouts BSA (Girls)(Troop 2205): <https://troop2205Gtx.org>

For Scouts BSA (Boys) (Troop 205): <https://troop205.tx.org>

For Cub Scouts: <http://fortworthpack205.weebly.com>



Yard Smart Fix-a-Leak



Repairing leaks at home can save over 10,000 gallons of water per year—enough to fill an Olympic sized swimming pool. Learn how to find & fix common household leaks in a **FREE two-part webinar series on March 16 and 18** from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Part 1: Indoor Leak Repair

Part 2: Outdoor Irrigation Leak Repair and Cold Weather Pipe Protection.

[Click Here to Register](#)

[Check out other 2021 yard smart under the heading classes and events.](#)

Fort Worth Community Camera Program

The City of Fort Worth has a Community Camera Program that allows residents to register their home security camera with the City. The City police will then contact the individual if they think the video may help with their investigation of a crime that occurred in the area. The resident's personal information will remain confidential except as required by law.



Residents can register their home surveillance camera and learn more about the program at: [Register your Home Surveillance Camera Here](#)

Any questions regarding the community camera program can be directed to the North Division at 682-225-0517.

A Big Shout Out and Thank You Goes to

The Park Glen Scouts who provided volunteer yard work for those in Park Glen that needed assistance and to Bob Kilburn, Scout Rep. and Kristy Shallcross, volunteer Chair of the Service Group. Your Service to the Community is greatly appreciated.

The homeowners who participated in the PID₆ Bike Share Survey and all the feedback that was given.



All those who have and will be participating in the Arcadia Park #3 Playground Design Option Survey, see survey on [Page 8](#). Do you have a "SHOUT OUT" to share? For example, a neighbor's help you really appreciate, etc. Send it to PGNABeth@gmail.com

Slow Cooker Irish Beef Stew

Prep Time: 30 minutes
Cook Time: 6 hours
Total Time: 6.5 hours
Servings: 8 pieces



Ingredients

3 ½ pounds beef chuck cut into 1 and 1/2 inch cubes
2 tablespoons canola oil
2 onions finely diced
1 tablespoon tomato paste
4 garlic cloves minced
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
3 cups beef broth
1 ½ cups Guinness beer divided
1 ½ tablespoons brown sugar
1 tablespoon fresh thyme
1 pound carrots cut into 1 inch pieces
1 ½ pounds Yukon gold potatoes cut into 1 inch pieces
fresh parsley
salt
pepper

Instructions

1. Season beef with salt and pepper toss with flour to fully coat. Use all the flour.
2. Heat a Dutch oven over medium high heat. Add 1 tablespoon of oil. Brown beef on all sides, working in batches if necessary, to avoid overcrowding pan. Remove beef from the pan and transfer to a slow cooker.
3. Return pan to heat, add another tablespoon of oil. Add the onions, season with salt and sauté until golden brown, about 20 minutes. Reduce heat as needed to avoid burning the onions.
4. When onions are golden, add the tomato paste and garlic, stir until combined and a "fond" (the brown bits) is starting to develop on the bottom of the pot.
5. Slowly whisk in the beef broth, scraping up any brown bits on the bottom of the pan. Add 1/2 a cup of the Guinness, the brown sugar, and the fresh thyme. Whisk to combine.
6. Add potatoes and carrots to the slow cooker. Carefully pour broth over meat and vegetables.
7. Set the slow cooker to low and cook for 6-8 hours. If broth is not desired consistency, see notes for how to thicken it.
8. When finished cooking, stir in the remaining 3/4 cup of Guinness and fresh chopped parsley. Taste and add salt and pepper to taste. Serve.

Notes

The flour used on the beef should thicken the stew, but if it is not as thick as you want, use a slurry. To make a slurry, add two tablespoons of flour to a small bowl. Pour in 1/4 cup of hot broth from the stew. Whisk until smooth and no lumps remain. Pour the slurry into the stew and stir to fully combine. Cook for 20-30 more minutes, stew will thicken as it continues to cook.

Link: Meghan McMorrow | Fox and Briar <https://www.foxandbriar.com/slow-cooker-irish-beef-stew/>



Share your favorite recipes. Send a sweet and/or savory recipe to PGNABeth@gmail.com with Subject Line: Recipe.

Triple Layer Fudgy Mint Oreo Brownies

Prep Time: 30 minutes
Cook Time: 25 minutes
Total Time: 1 hour

Ingredients

Filling

- 1 7-ounce jar Marshmallow Fluff
- 1/8 teaspoon mint extract*
- 8 drops+ green food coloring, or until desired shade of green is reached
- 1 batch of brownies – see ingredients below in step 2 (or use 1 box of brownie mix – make according to directions on the box by adding the water, oil, eggs)

Brownies

- 4 ounces baking chocolate (I used 9 squares of TJ's 72% chocolate bar)
- 3/4 cup unsalted butter, melted (1 1/2 sticks)
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons espresso or brewed coffee, optional
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 12 Cool Mint Oreo Cookies, hand-crumbled

Frosting and Topping

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 3 to 4 cups powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- splash of milk, if necessary, for consistency
- 3/4 cup white chocolate chips, melted
- 18 Cool Mint Oreo Cookies, hand-crumbled



Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a 9×13-inch pan with foil and spray it with cooking spray.

Filling – In medium bowl, stir together marshmallow fluff, mint extract* (be very careful and do not use more than this unless you love mint; a little bit of mint goes a very long way), 4 drops of food coloring, or until light green is achieved; set aside.

Brownies - Microwave chocolate and butter in a large microwave-safe bowl for 90 seconds or until butter is melted. Stir until chocolate is completely melted. Stir in sugar (it will seem very granular, this is okay). Stir in eggs and vanilla. If adding espresso or coffee, add it now. Stir in flour until just combined, do not overmix. Hand-crumble 12 Oreos over the bowl and fold them in.

Spread brownie batter in prepared pan.

Drop about 1/2 cup of green filling mixture onto brownie batter and reserve the remainder. Gently pull a table knife through the batter in S-shaped curves for a swirled design.

Bake 23 to 25 minutes or until brownies are set, taking care not to overbake. Some people's ovens and taste preferences may require 25-30 minutes, bake until brownies are done and to your liking. Cool completely, about 1 hour, or put the pan into the freezer for 10 minutes if you are rushed.

Frosting and Topping -While brownies are cooling, make vanilla frosting by whisking together the butter, confectioners' sugar, vanilla, and milk as needed until smooth and fluffy, or beat with an electric mixer. Optionally use 1 cup store bought vanilla frosting – or use the entire can if you want a thicker final green layer.

In another small microwave-safe bowl, melt the white chocolate chips (microwave on high for 30 seconds; stir and microwave 30 seconds longer; stir until smooth, taking care not to scorch it as white chocolate scorches easily).

Add the melted white chocolate chips and the vanilla frosting to the reserved green minty marshmallow mixture.

Stir in 4 drops+ food coloring, or until light green color is reached, and spread over cooled brownies.

Sprinkle with 18 hand-crumbled Oreo Cookies, slightly pressing them into the green mixture. Allow the top layer to set fully before slicing and serving. I prefer these bars chilled and I store them in the refrigerator in an airtight container for up to 10 days or in the freezer for up to 6 months.

Notes: These layered brownies are loaded with rich textures and flavors, from the dense fudgy brownies layer to the soft, fluffy minty layer, with oodles of crushed Mint Oreos throughout. Use regular Oreos if you cannot find Mint Oreos and possibly add a touch more mint extract to the filling. As a shortcut, feel free to use your favorite boxed brownie recipe for the brownie layer, and to use 1 cup to 1 can of store-bought vanilla frosting for the frosting and topping layer. They are rich, decadent, and everyone loves these!

Link: <https://www.averiecooks.com/triple-layer-fudgy-mint-oreo-brownies/>

Resources for winter storm recovery

Emergency assistance

FEMA disaster assistance
[disasterassistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov)

United Way of Tarrant County
Call 211
[211texas.org](https://www.211texas.org)

City services updates and requests

817-392-1234
MyFW App
1234@FortWorthTexas.gov
Text HELLO to 817-835-6939

Solid waste: garbage, recycling, yard, bulk,
drop-off stations, environmental
[FortWorthTexas.gov/departments/
code-compliance/solidwaste](https://www.FortWorthTexas.gov/departments/code-compliance/solidwaste)
817-392-1234

Housing assistance

Community Action Partners
817-392-7540
[FortWorthTexas.gov/departments/
neighborhoods/cap](https://www.FortWorthTexas.gov/departments/neighborhoods/cap)
Multifamily-Code Compliance Department
817-392-1234

Priority Repair Program
Neighborhood Services Department
[https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/
neighborhoods/services/priorityrepair](https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/neighborhoods/services/priorityrepair)

Salvation Army
817-344-1800

Tarrant County Homeless Coalition
817-509-3635
[ahomewithhope.org](https://www.ahomewithhope.org)

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
Emergency Rental Assistance
833-9TX-RENT (833-989-7368)
[TexasRentRelief.com](https://www.TexasRentRelief.com)

Texas Tenants Union
[txtenants.org](https://www.txtenants.org)

Food assistance

Disaster SNAP
877-541-7905, option 2

Funky Town Fridge
[funkytownfridge.org](https://www.funkytownfridge.org)

Tarrant Area Food Bank
[taafb.org/find-food](https://www.taafb.org/find-food)

Water

Bill assistance program
817-392-5790

Report main breaks
817-392-4477, option 1

Water Department SmartRepair
817-392-2417

Utilities

Atmos Energy (natural gas)
888-286-6700 customer service
866-322-8667 emergency services

Oncor (electricity delivery)
888-313-4747

Public Utility Commission of Texas
512-936-7000

Other resources

Animal welfare
817-392-1234
[FortWorthTexas.gov/departments/
code-compliance/animals](https://www.FortWorthTexas.gov/departments/code-compliance/animals)

COVID-19 concerns
Tarrant County Public Health

Price gouging
Texas Attorney General
800-621-0508

Texas Department of Insurance
800-252-3439
[tdi.texas.gov](https://www.tdi.texas.gov)

*The water meter at your home is registering continuous usage.
What does that mean? What should you do next?*

LEAK DETECTION CHECKLIST FOR HOMEOWNERS

Step
1

CHECK YOUR UTILITY BILL

A place to start is to examine your utility bill for January or February. It is likely that a typical family of four has a serious leak problem if winter water use (no irrigation system use) exceeds 12,000 gallons (or 16 CCF) per month. You can also look for spikes—is your water use a lot higher this month than it was last month? Learn more about your water bill at www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/water/rates.

Step
2

DO A TOILET DYE TEST

Toilets are the biggest water user inside your home. Put a few drops of food coloring into the tank at the back of your toilet and let it sit for 10 minutes. If color shows up in the bowl, you have a leak. Make sure to flush afterward to avoid staining, and consider replacing your old toilet flapper if it is torn or worn. View videos that show you how to do the test at <https://www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week>.

Step
3

LOOK FOR LEAKS

Walk all around the house: check the water heater, look under sinks, check all sink, shower and tub faucets, examine appliance water connection valves and check for signs of water damage on walls, ceilings and floors. Then, go outside and check the hose bibs. Turn on the sprinkler system to look for broken, missing or misaligned spray heads. Check the lawn for areas that are abnormally wet for current weather conditions.

Step
4

YOU HAVE FOUND A LEAK

Some leaks require a simple fix—a worn toilet flapper, loose pipe connection, or showerhead with stray spray—can often be handled as a DIY project. You may want to consult a licensed plumber and/or a water audit-certified irrigation professional to evaluate your leak situations. Learn about WaterSense-labeled replacement fixtures at <https://www.epa.gov/watersense/watersense-products>.

Step
5

WHEN THE LEAKS ARE FIXED

Need indoor and outdoor tips for saving even more water and money year round? Want to learn more about water-efficient landscaping? Want to teach your children more about water?

Get tips, activities, class schedules and more at www.SaveFortWorthWater.org.

Learn more at www.FortWorthTexas.gov or call customer service at 817-392-4477.

Links from above document:

Step 1: www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/water/rates

Step 2: <https://www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week>

Step 4: <https://www.epa.gov/watersense/watersense-products>

Step 5: www.SaveFortWorthWater.org

For More information go to www.FortWorthTexas.gov