

The Full Circle

Current news and helpful tips from Carmel Utilities

Free DIY Workshops for EPA WaterSense

Carmel Utilities and EPA WaterSense partner to sponsor The Home Depot, DIY workshops focused on EPA WaterSense labeled products and proven water-use efficiency practices.



These free workshops will take place at the Carmel Home Depot Store located at 9855 N. Michigan Road. The first workshop will take place on **Saturday, March 21 at 11:00 AM** in conjunction with Fix-A-Leak Week. Advance registration is required.

Future Workshops

April 18: Water-Smart Landscaping

May 16: Sprinkler Spruce-Up

June 6 : Smart Irrigation

October 3 : Shower Better

For more information or to find out about upcoming workshops, go to the Free DIY Workshops section under the DIY Projects tab at www.homedepot.com or the calendar section of www.carmel.in.gov.



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EPA WaterSense

Fix-a-Leak Week

Sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) WaterSense program, Fix-a-Leak Week is an opportunity to improve the water efficiency of your home by finding and fixing leaks. More than 1 trillion gallons of water are wasted in U.S. homes each year from easy-to-fix leaks.

To find out if you have a leak, read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak. In Carmel most water meters are located in the meter pit near the front sidewalk/road. Be sure to replace the lid tightly after viewing.

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



and seeing if it appears in the bowl before you flush. Don't forget to check irrigation systems and spigots too.

Twist and tighten hose and pipe connections

To save more water without noticeable difference of the flow in your bathroom faucet, twist on a WaterSense labeled faucet aerator. Replace the fixture if necessary. Look for WaterSense labeled models, which are independently certified to use 20 percent less water and perform as well or better than standard models.



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Cold Weather Tips

Water pipes located next to an outside wall are often subjected to sub-freezing temperatures.

- Open cabinet doors under sinks to expose pipes to warmer room temperatures.
- Allow a small trickle of water to run at night to keep pipes from freezing.
- Any plumbing located in a garage or other unheated building is susceptible to low

temperatures. Any exposed pipes should be wrapped or insulated.

- Keep the water meter box lid closed to prevent the meter from freezing. Report broken or missing lids by calling 317-571-2442.
- If your house has a crawl space, close all air vents located in the foundation wall. This will prevent the pipes in the crawl space from being exposed to the cold air.

Find your main water shut-off valve...Look for this now!

Imagine the panic if water was pouring through the house from a broken pipe. Most main water shut-off valves are located in the meter pit which many times are near the front sidewalk/street. Some houses have an additional shut-off valve located on the wall where the water enters the house.

Reduce Reuse Recycle

Need a place to take extra recycling?

Both Republic Services and Hamilton County Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites offer alternatives to your bi-weekly curbside service.

Near Southwest Carmel:

Republic Services 96th St. Transfer Station
Free recycling dumpsters inside the gate
4935 Robison Road
Indianapolis, IN 46268
Hours: Mon-Fri 8 AM-5 PM

Near Northeast Carmel:

Hamilton County Household
Hazardous Waste Site
Free Recycling Compactors
1717 Pleasant Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
Hours: 7 days a week 8 AM-8 PM

**Recycling is good for the environment
and our local economy**



Carmel Utilities is committed to Groundwater protection and is proud to have earned the designations of Groundwater Guardian and Hoosier Water Guardian.