

# The Full Circle

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Did you know water from your tub spout can leak while you take a shower?

How many gallons of water can a tub spout dripping at the rate of one drip per second waste per year?

- A. 300 gallons
- B. 3,000 gallons
- C. 30,000 gallons

Turn over for answer

To check for leaks in your home, you first need to determine whether you're wasting water. Then identify the source of the leak.

Take a look at your water usage during a colder month, such as January or February. If a family of four exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, there are probably serious leaks.

## Carmel Utilities and Delta Faucet Company are honored winners of EPA National Awards

More than 1,700 utilities, manufacturers, retailers, builders, and organizations partner with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) WaterSense program. However, only a select few are recognized each year for their significant program contributions.

Carmel Utilities was honored as a 2016 WaterSense Excellence Award winner for its outreach campaigns and collaboration with other area businesses, such as Delta Faucet Company and The Home Depot, in the promotion of water-use efficiency.

Carmel-headquartered Delta Faucet Company earned its second Sustained Excellence Award, the highest partner recognition for continued, exemplary efforts to help advance the WaterSense program and water efficiency.

The EPA recognized both the City of Carmel Utilities and Delta Faucet Company at the WaterSmart Innovations Conference in Las Vegas.



*Sue Maki (photo left), Manager of Environmental Initiatives & Education, Carmel Utilities, accepted the award on behalf of the City of Carmel. Carol Anne Kemper (photo right), Product Manager and Carmel resident accepted on behalf of Delta Faucet Company.*



For more information about the EPA WaterSense awards and to learn more about how to save water and money, visit [www.EPA.gov/WaterSense](http://www.EPA.gov/WaterSense).



## Social Media Promotes Groundwater Protection

Carmel Utilities is committed to groundwater protection and is proud to have earned the designations of Groundwater Guardian and Hoosier Water Guardian. These designations show our City's commitment to protecting our water supply and increasing groundwater awareness.

Carmel Utilities is currently highlighted on the Groundwater Foundation website for our work with Social Media! See [www.groundwater.org/action/stories/](http://www.groundwater.org/action/stories/) for an entertaining glimpse of how we keep our water safe and preserve it for future generations.



**Answer:**

**B. 3,000 gallons**

**An astounding 3,000 gallons.  
Don't let this be you!**

Check 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.

Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. (Be sure to flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank.)

Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for any water on the outside of the pipe to check for surface leaks.

## Save the Date! Shredding, Electronics Recycling & Prescription Drug Disposal Drop-off event

**Saturday | April 29 | 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
at Creekside Middle School  
(Corner of W. 126th St. & Shelbourne Road)

### At the event:

Shredding \$5 a box

Electronics recycling free except for tube TVs & monitors are \$10 each

Free Prescription Drug Disposal

All proceeds benefit  
Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana.

**Reduce  
Reuse  
Recycle**

**For more information call 317-571-2720.**

## Grant money available for youth environmental projects

Carmel Utilities is a proud sponsor of the Carmel Green Teens Micro-grant Program. This teen group, managed by the Legacy Fund an affiliate of the Central Indiana Community Foundation, offers grants for youth-led environmental projects in Carmel. Up to \$1000 is available to fund



youth-led volunteer eco-friendly projects in Carmel or Clay Township. Applications are due March 15, 2017. School, scout, religious and other youth groups are encouraged to apply.

**Applications and details are available at  
[CarmelGreenTeen.org](http://CarmelGreenTeen.org) or call 317-843-2479.**