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Public Service Commission of Wisconsin Promotes "Fix a Leak Week"

[Madison, Wis] - The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, a Partner of Excellence in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's), WaterSense® program, along with many of the state's water utilities, is promoting finding and fixing residential leaks throughout the state.

This year's Fix a Leak Week, running from March 17 to March 23, encourages Americans to help put a stop to the more than 1 trillion gallons of water wasted from household leaks each year.

"Leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water in an average home every year, the amount of water it takes to wash 270 loads of laundry," said PSC Chairperson Phil Montgomery. "As a WaterSense partner, we are encouraging consumers to find and fix leaks to save water in our community."

To help save water for future generations, the PSC is asking consumers to check, twist, and replace:

- **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 irrigation systems and spigots too.
- **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 the fixture 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.

In many cases, fixture replacement parts pay for themselves quickly and can be easily installed or installed by a local plumbing professional. Irrigation professionals certified through a WaterSense labeled program can also check your systems for leaks. Visit www.epa.gov/watersense to find WaterSense labeled products or an auditor in your area.

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