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March 14-20 is Fix-a-Leak Week

Chicago, IL- The Illinois Commerce Commission would like to remind water consumers that March 14-20, 2022 is Fix-a-Leak Week. Each year, household leaks are responsible for the waste of 1 trillion gallons of water. The aim of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s WaterSense national campaign is to raise awareness about the need to find and fix household leaks to help consumers conserve water and save money on their utility bill.

“Clean water is a precious resource that needs to be conserved,” said ICC Chairman Carrie Zalewski. “There are quick, easy and inexpensive fixes consumers can follow to stop leaks in our homes and businesses to prevent wasting water while reducing water bills.”

“Having access to safe water is a growing concern in communities across the nation,” said ICC Commissioner Maria Bocanegra who also serves as Chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Committee on Water. “Somewhere between 5 to 10 percent of all U.S. homes have leaking facets and toilets that are responsible for dripping away 90 gallons or more of water each day. These leaks are easily fixed and will go far to conserve water and help consumers to save money.”

Residents are encouraged to take the 10-minute WaterSense challenge to detect and chase down leaks in their home. A checklist to assist homeowners complete the challenge is available on the U.S. EPA’s website: [Detect and Chase Down Leaks Checklist \(epa.gov\)](#).

WaterSense is a voluntary partnership program sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), that provides both labels for water-efficient products and acts as a resource for helping consumers to save water. Additional information about Fix-a-Leak Week along with tips for homeowners and businesses to follow to fix leaks can be found here: [Fix a Leak Week | US EPA](#).

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