

The Other 98%.....

Customers of a water utility are often referred to as "water consumers", but that is a **very** inaccurate description: only about **2%** of the water you are billed for each month is actually "consumed". The rest is either used in other ways (toilets, washing machines, bathtubs, cooking, etc.) or **wasted** through leaks or habits like letting the water run while you shave or brush your teeth.

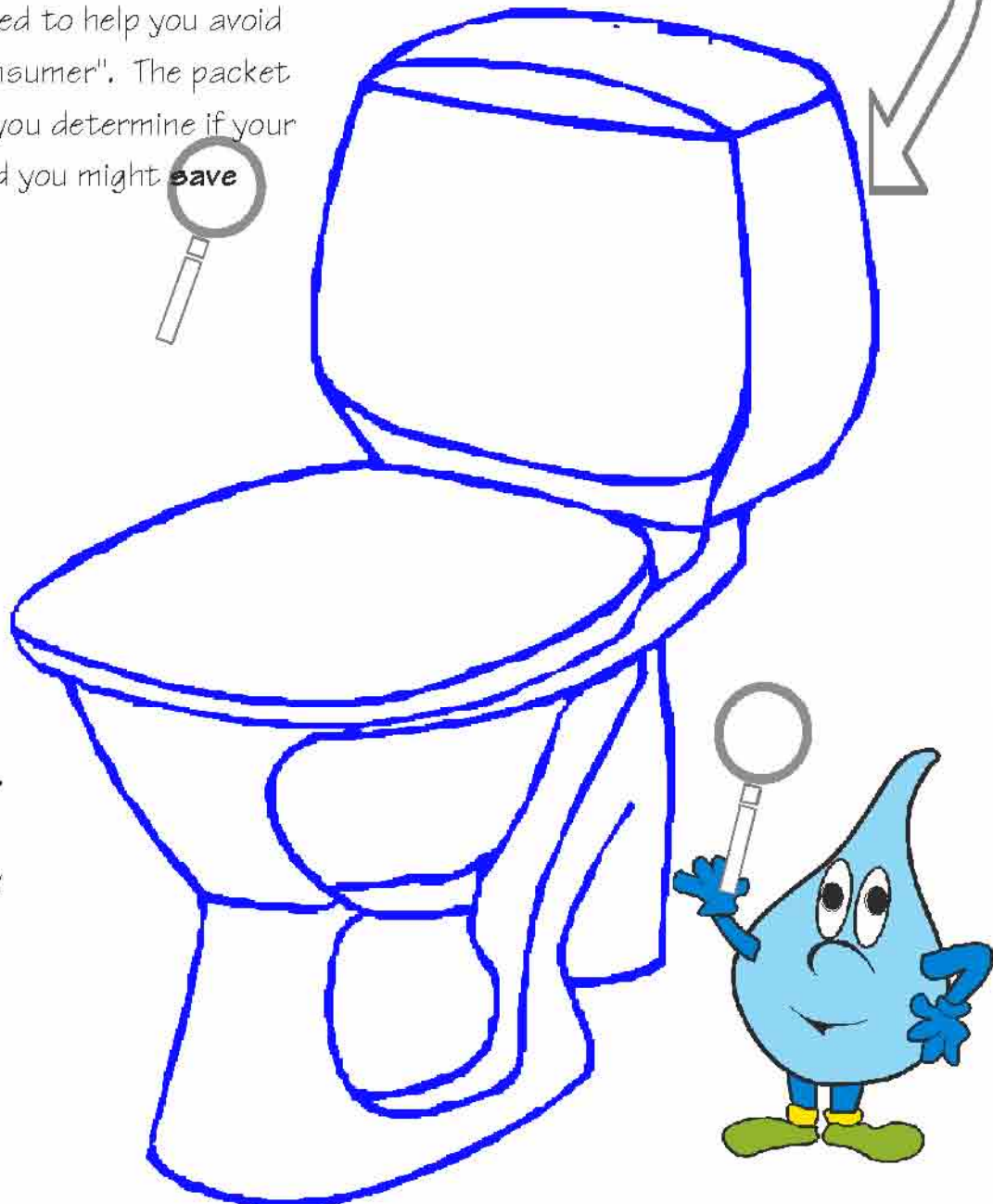
The largest user in **The Other 98%** is the toilet, and this mailing is designed to help you avoid waste in your largest "water consumer". The packet of attached dye strips will help you determine if your toilets are leaking; use them and you might **save** water and money!

To **test** for toilet leaks, which can waste thousands of gallons a month, put one dye strip in the fill tank at the back of each toilet. Don't flush the toilet for (5) five minutes or so, then check the bowl: if the dye has colored the water, you have a toilet leak.

Repair kits are available at most hardware and home supply stores, and they can **help** you avoid paying more than you should for

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Even if your toilet doesn't have a leak it still may be wasting water. If your toilet was installed prior to 1992 it is using more water than necessary with each flush. AC&SA offers rebates of up to \$100 to replace these water guzzlers with low-flow 1.6 gallon per flush types. Call now to find out if you might be eligible for the rebate.



** For additional dye kits or further information, please call The Albemarle County Service Authority at (434)977-4511. **