

An unexpectedly high water bill in Murrieta can be alarming. Understanding the most common causes helps homeowners investigate quickly and stop the waste before the next billing cycle arrives. Murrieta Valley Plumbing helps customers diagnose the cause of high water bills [Plumber Murrieta](#) and address the plumbing issues driving them. A running toilet is the most common cause of unexplained high water bills in Murrieta homes. A toilet that runs continuously can waste 200 gallons per day. Many running toilets are silent, making them easy to miss. The simple test is to add food coloring to the toilet tank. If color appears in the bowl without flushing, the flapper is leaking. Slab leaks are a significant source of water loss in Murrieta's aging housing stock. A supply line leaking beneath the concrete slab allows water to escape continuously, running into the soil beneath the foundation without any visible evidence above grade. A water bill that has increased significantly without a corresponding change in usage pattern warrants a slab leak investigation.

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Irrigation system leaks are common causes of high bills for homeowners with automatic irrigation. A broken irrigation head, cracked supply line, or failed pressure regulator can leak significant water during each irrigation cycle. Checking the irrigation system while it runs, looking for unexpected wet areas or spray from broken heads, is the first diagnostic step. Dripping faucets and shower valves, while less dramatic than slab leaks, contribute meaningfully to water bills over the course of a billing cycle. A faucet dripping once per second wastes over 3,000 gallons per year. Murrieta Valley Plumbing provides water leak detection services that systematically identify the source of unexplained water usage. The investigation scope is determined by the evidence available and the most likely causes for the specific situation. Call +1 951-696-7100 for a leak detection investigation in Murrieta. Free estimates.