

# EPA encourages Americans to save water with easy, inexpensive fixes

## Delta Faucet Company fixes leaks at homes, community facilities across the country

WASHINGTON – American households waste more than 1 trillion gallons of water each year because of leaky pipes, toilets, showerheads and other fixtures, but fixing leaks can be easy and inexpensive.

During the fourth annual Fix a Leak Week in March, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) WaterSense program educated Americans about the importance of fixing leaks around the home, which will save water and nearly 10 percent on utility bills.

WaterSense's 2011 Manufacturer Partner of the Year, Delta Faucet Company, in partnership with EPA, Green-Plumbers USA, United Way, Ronald McDonald House and various local water

utilities and governments, fixed leaks in more than 1,000 low-income households and community facilities in Boston, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Indianapolis, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, San Francisco and Seattle.

Delta fixed leaky toilets and faucets and installed WaterSense-labeled showerheads in each location, estimating that these actions will save millions of gallons of water this year alone.

"Across the country, household leaks add up to more than 1 trillion gallons of water annually. The amount we're losing could supply Los Angeles, Chicago and Miami for a full year," said Lisa P. Jackson, EPA administrator, in March. "We're not just losing water, we're also losing the money our communities put into keeping our water clean and healthy. That's why Fix a Leak Week is so important and why we encourage everyone to take a few simple steps that can add up to have a significant positive impact."

The average American home leaks more than 10,000 gallons of water per year, which is equivalent to the water needed to wash 280 loads of laundry, take more than 600 showers or meet the average family's water needs for a month.

Finding and fixing leaks around the home is as easy as check, twist and replace:

- Check for leaks. Toilet leaks can be found by putting a few drops of food coloring into the tank and seeing if color appears in the bowl before you flush. Don't forget to also check irrigation systems and spigots.
- Twist and tighten pipe connections. To save even more water without a noticeable difference in flow, twist on a WaterSense-labeled faucet aerator or showerhead.
- Replace the fixture if necessary. Look for the WaterSense label when replacing plumbing fixtures, which

are independently certified to use 20 percent less water and perform as well as or better than standard models.

WaterSense, a partnership program sponsored by EPA, seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by offering people a simple way to use less water with water-efficient products, new homes and services.

Since the program's inception in 2006, WaterSense has helped consumers save 125 billion gallons of water and more than \$2 billion in water and energy bills. Consumers can find WaterSense-labeled products at thousands of retail locations across the country.

More information about finding and fixing leaks is available at [epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak](http://epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak).

For more information on WaterSense or to find a retailer in your area that carries WaterSense-labeled products, visit [epa.gov/watersense](http://epa.gov/watersense).

## Important information, deadlines for the college-bound Tribal senior

### April

- Send thank you notes to people who have helped you.
- Make final decision about which college or university you will attend.
- If you decide to decline enrollment to a college or university to which you have been accepted, send notice indicating this to the college's admissions office.
- Review any award letters and be sure you understand the terms and conditions that accompany each type of aid.
- If necessary, arrange for housing and a meal plan (at school).
- Send thank you notes to any person/committee from which you received a scholarship.

### June

- Tribal higher education and adult vocational training applications are due June 30!
- Attend graduation – congratulations!
- Make arrangements for your final grades to be sent to colleges and universities.
- Good luck!

### May

- This is the deadline for final decisions for universities.
- Send letter of intent to registrar.
- Line up a summer job.
- Attend your Senior Awards Night.

For more information about the Siletz Tribe, please visit [ctsi.nsn.us](http://ctsi.nsn.us).

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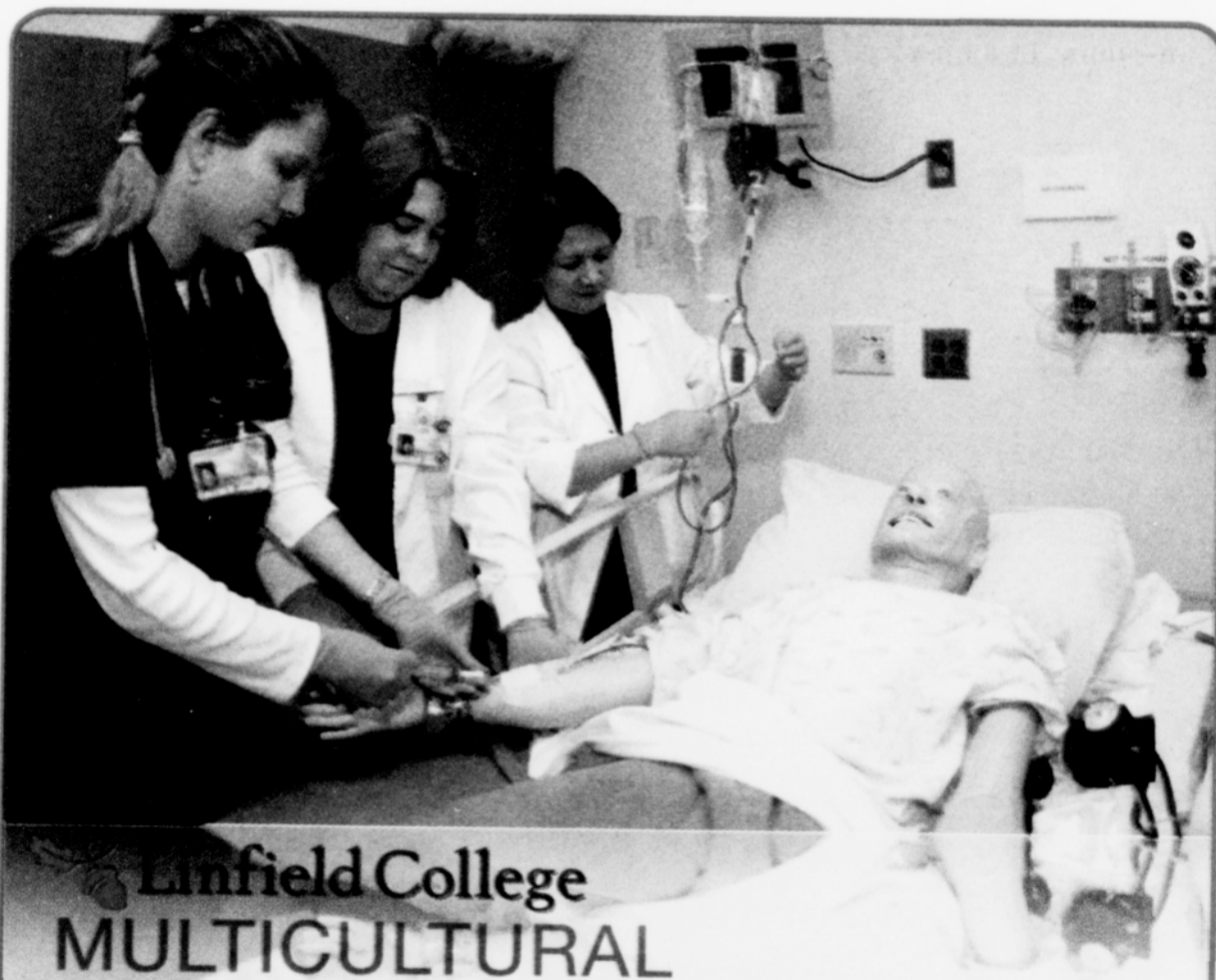
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## Applying for Tribal education funds?

### Some requirements and deadlines to keep in mind

1. The once-a-year annual deadline for funding is June 30 of each year (for funding for the upcoming fall semester or academic year).
2. Students must apply for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) between Jan. 1-31 each year. Your application for Tribal funding will not be accepted if you do not meet this deadline.

**Need caregiver information?** If you are a care provider and are interested in receiving more information, training and being a part of a support group, please contact Felicia Carmona at 541-444-8225 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1225, with your contact information.



## Linfield College MULTICULTURAL NURSING CAREER DAY

April 28, 2012 2255 NW Northrup St.  
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- Admissions requirements
- Financial aid and scholarships
- Hands-on demonstrations in the Simulation and Science Labs

Register online by April 20, 2012:

[www.linfield.edu/portland/multiculturalprograms](http://www.linfield.edu/portland/multiculturalprograms)

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