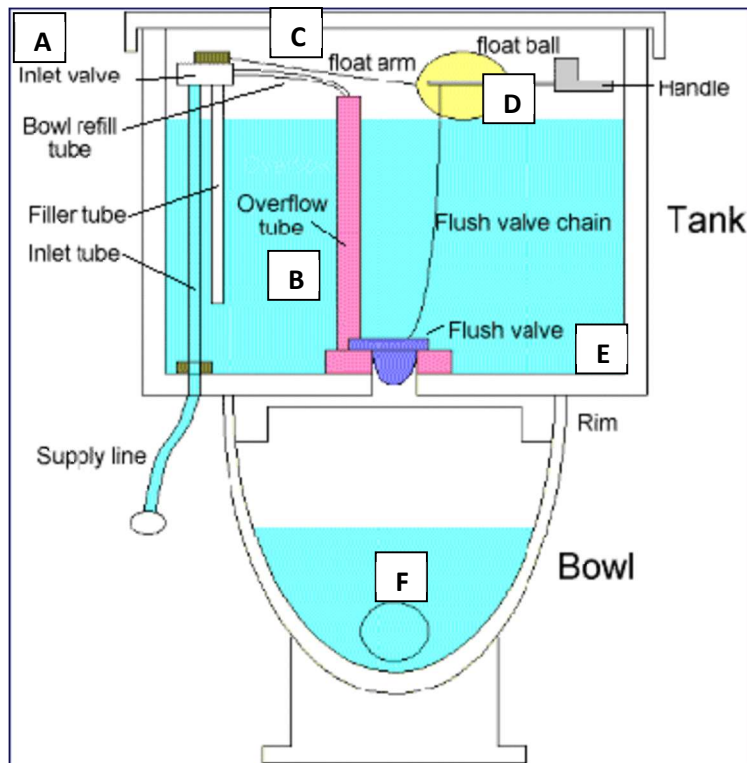




City of Binghamton

Water waste in the home

- Hundreds of gallons of water go down the drain each day. This water may be lost through leaks in Boilers, Humidifiers, Ice Makers, Water Softeners, Automatic Sprinklers, Dishwashers, Faucets and Toilets. Often these leaks go undetected allowing unused water to go down the drain.
- Most high water bills are caused by a leaking toilet. After flushing the toilet and the tank fills, the water should shut off. Here are some things to check if it does not shut off. (Refer to diagram)
 1. Water in the tank should not be above the OVERFLOW PIPE (B).
 - Causes: Bent FLOAT ARM (C) or damaged FLOAT BALL (D).
 2. Improperly seated FLUSH VALVE (E). To check, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank after flushing, then look in the BOWL (F). If the water is colored there is a leak at the FLUSH VALVE (E).
 3. Worn or damaged parts at the INLET LINE and VALVE (A) can cause a toilet to run constantly.
- If any of these conditions are present, repairs should be made. If you are unable to make the repairs yourself, you should contact a plumber.



- Many of the newer water meters in the City are equipped with a leak detector. It appears as a small RED DIAMOND on the face of the WATER METER. If all the water is shut off in the house, the RED DIAMOND should not rotate. If it does, you have a leak. If you are unable to locate the leak, contact your plumber or call the Water Meter Department at 607-772-7024.
- Any leaks in the home are the homeowner's responsibility and should be repaired promptly. Remember..... if you are unable to make the repairs yourself, contact a plumber.