



## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

March 16, 2010

Contact: Yolanda Marruffo, City of Corpus Christi Water Department  
361-826-1879

### **“FIX A LEAK WEEK” OFFERS TEXAS-SIZED WATER SAVINGS**

The City of Corpus Christi Water Department has teamed up with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to help promote the EPA’s annual “Fix a Leak Week” campaign, which runs from March 15 through March 21, 2010.

The campaign is designed to raise awareness about small leaks and the water that can be wasted in our homes as a result of them. The City hopes residents will take prompt action to repair plumbing leaks, which waste thousands of gallons of water annually. To help homeowners identify and repair dripping faucets, leaky showerheads and similar problems, the Water Department offers these tips:

- Reduce faucet leaks by checking washers and gaskets for wear. If necessary, replace the faucet with a WaterSense-labeled model.
- Leaky toilets are most often the result of a worn toilet flapper. Replacing the flapper is a quick fix that could save up to 200 gallons of water a day.
- Leaky showerheads can be fixed by tightening the base of the unit with an adjustable wrench.
- If the showerhead has seen better days, switch to a 2.5 gallon per minute showerhead.
- Landscape irrigation systems should be checked for damaged sprinkler heads.

Everyone can significantly reduce the waste of water through these simple and inexpensive repairs at home. The Water Department will be offering free water conservation kits at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day/Bay Day Celebration, which will be held Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Cole Park.

###