

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the amount of water leaked from homes in the United States is estimated to be more than one trillion gallons per year, and accounts for an average of 10,000 gallons of water per home wasted, with ten percent of homes having leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day; and

WHEREAS, common types of leaks found in the home include leaking toilet flappers, dripping faucets and other leaking valves and in most cases fixture replacement parts don't require a major investment and can be installed by do-it-yourselfers, and fixing easily corrected household water leaks can save homeowners ten percent or more on their utility costs; and

WHEREAS, approximately four percent of the nation's electricity consumption is used moving or treating water and wastewater, and considerable amounts of energy also go to heat water for bathing, shaving, cooking, and cleaning our homes, dishes, and clothes, and therefore one of the best ways to save energy across the country and in our own homes is to use water more efficiently; and

WHEREAS, WaterSense is a partnership program sponsored by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to protect the future of our nation's water supply by promoting and enhancing the market for water-efficient products and services, and March 18-24, 2013 marks the United States Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense "Fix a Leak Week" program, a time to remind Americans to check their household fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Water Department's Water Efficiency Program is designed to reduce demands on Tampa's water supply by increasing the efficiency of water use within its service area and has been a WaterSense promotional partner since 2007; and

WHEREAS, well maintained homes and businesses help revitalize and preserve city neighborhoods, improving the quality of life in our community, and the City of Tampa has been awarded the *Gold-level Designated Certified Green Local Government* by the Florida Green Building Coalition, acknowledging its exceptional environmental stewardship and commitment to making real, tangible improvements that will protect our natural environment for future generations through a number of mediums, such as energy, water, air quality, health issues, land use, and waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Tampa, Florida do hereby proclaim the week of March 18 to 24, 2013 as

"FIX A LEAK WEEK"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens and business to help eliminate wasteful water use by repairing leaks and becoming more aware of the need to use water efficiently.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 18th day of March, 2013.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor