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ADEM Promotes Water Saving Event

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Environmental Management is working to preserve water resources and prevent water leaks as a “Water Sense” program partner. ADEM has joined with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to promote “Fix a Leak Week,” March 16-20. The promotion is designed to help remind Alabamians to check for water leaks in their household fixtures and irrigation systems and make the appropriate repairs leaks.

Minor household water leaks are a big drain on valuable water resources and also cost homeowners money. On average, a U.S. household wastes more than 11,000 gallons of water per year, which is enough to fill a backyard swimming pool. Common leaks found in the home include toilet flappers and dripping faucets. These types of leaks can be easily fixed and in many cases require only a few tools and hardware. Repair costs are easily recovered due to water savings.

Should a homeowner discover a significant leak that merits replacement of an older toilet or faucet, they should consider installing a new “Water Sense” labeled product that will increase water efficiency. Fixtures that carry the “Water Sense” label use 30 percent less water without a noticeable difference in flow.

“Water Sense” is a partnership program sponsored by EPA that seeks to protect the future of America’s water supply by promoting efficiency and enhancing the market for water-efficient products. The program helps consumers identify water-efficient products, which carry the “Water Sense” label indicating they meet efficiency and performance criteria. “Water Sense” products help homeowners save money and also encourage innovation in manufacturing.

Homeowners can read their water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used in order to discover if any leaks are occurring. Additional tips and information about “Fix a Leak Week” can be found at www.epa.gov/watersense.

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