

Leak Hunters



Introduction

The Utah Water Task Force and Sandy City developed Leak Hunters. The goal was to create outreach material that allowed youth to become active conservation champions. Leak Hunters uses a passport and signage to encourage children to identify water leaks in public spaces (such as parks, school campuses, and libraries). Ideas of where to use Leak Hunters include movie's in the park, library outreach events, conservation festivals, community festivals, and school outreach events.

Two types of passports can be printed. The first is a full-page double-sided worksheet. The second is a half-page that is folded in half. The full-page passport contains six of the seven potential leaks. The half-page includes four of the seven potential leaks.

Each passport's first and last page is designed for a water agency to add their logo and conservation message. On the first page, the upper corners have been left blank for agency logos. The last page has a large blue box for agency-specific messaging (website, social media). Agencies may print passports in color or black and white.

Leak Hunters Setup

1. Print Passports – Determine which passport you wish to use and print out sufficient for each family, team, or individual.
2. Print "Found" signs – Print out the "Found" posters you will use with the passport.
3. Remember, you can print out multiple of the same sign (for example, you might have a leaking faucet in the kitchen and bathroom).
4. Place "Found" signs in potential leaky locations. Optional: stage "leaks" by placing broken sprinklers, pipes, etc.
5. Have pens or writing instruments for each group.
6. Have a prize ready when teams complete the activity. Prizes can be things such as stickers, candy, or swag.
7. Place the "Found" signs in the appropriate locations around the public space you will utilize for the activity.
 - Optional: add a unique number to each "Found" sign that kids can write in their passport next to the corresponding leak
8. Give each group a defined time to complete the passport by finding the possible leaks you have placed around the public space.
9. Send out your Leak Hunters.
10. When the groups return, take the opportunity to provide an additional education moment by asking follow-up questions such as:
 1. Which of the leaks you found could be the biggest water waster?
 2. Do you have any of these leaks at your house?
 3. How could you fix those leaks?
 4. Who do you call if you see a leak in a public space?
11. Challenge the teams to continue being Leak Hunter as they travel around your community and in their homes.
12. Give out the prize for completing the task.
13. At the end of the event, collect all "Found" signs.