

Residential & Commercial Toilet Rebate Program



Save up to \$100 on a water efficient residential toilet.

Save up to \$100 on a water efficient commercial toilet or urinal.

This is a first-come first-served program, so apply for your rebate today, while funding is available!

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The Water Efficient Toilet Rebate Program

Water customers of Rancho Murieta Community Services District (District) are eligible to receive up to \$100 rebate for replacement of a 3.5 gallon per flush (gpf) or greater toilet with a new Ultra-Low Flush Toilet (ULFT) (1.6 gpf) or up to \$100 with a new High Efficient Toilet (HET) which flushes 1.28 gpf or less. Rebate levels depend on the funding availability.

To Qualify for a Rebate

- ✚ The toilet to be replaced must have been installed prior to 1992, or,
- ✚ Replacement of one ULFT with a HET is based on a case by case basis and is determined by the District.
- ✚ Purchase of material must occur within the program period of January 2011 to December 2012. Rebates are first-come, first served and end when funds are exhausted or the rebate program ends.
- ✚ Residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, and multi-family applicants are eligible.
- ✚ New construction is not eligible under this program.

To Receive Your Rebate

- ✚ You must be replacing a toilet using 3.5 gpf or greater (non-ULFT or non-HET) to be eligible.

- ✚ You may install the toilet(s) yourself or hire a licensed contractor.
- ✚ Return the original dated receipt and/or plumber’s invoice with the price, model and brand of each toilet listed individually. Keep a copy for your records.
- ✚ Submitting a signed application represents agreement to have the District verify the existing toilet and installation of the specific toilet(s) with your accompaniment. The District may schedule a pre- and/or post-inspection.
- ✚ Eligible expenses includes 1.6 gpf or less tank, bowl, seat, supply line, wax ring, caulking, bolts, bolt covers, and tax up to the rebate amount.
- ✚ The District issues rebates within eight (8) to ten (10) weeks of receipt of your completed application materials. Rebates vary depending on the toilet (ULFT or HET). Total rebate amounts will not exceed the money spent.

What Rebates are Available for Businesses?

For businesses, HET’s, water efficient flush valve toilets (1.6 gpf or less), low flush urinals (LFU) that flush 0.5 gpf or less and non-flushing (waterless) urinals (NFU) quality for a rebate of up to \$100 and must meet the following requirements.

- ✚ The same requirements as residential toilets.

- ✚ Replacement of existing 3.5 gpf or greater urinals with non-flushing (NFU) and/or low flush (LFU) 0.5 gpf or less and be labeled as UPC approved quality for rebates.
- ✚ Replacement of existing urinals, between 1.0 gpf and 3.5 gpf, may be eligible if being replaced by a non-flushing urinal.

Disclaimer

Your water provider, the District, reserves the right to deny an application of any participant who does not meet all requirements as outlined.

The District reserves the right to change the terms of this program at their discretion. The District is not responsible for receipts or paperwork lost in the mail. The District cannot guarantee that the installation of the ULFTs and HETs will result in lower water utility costs.

The number of rebates is dependent upon the availability of program funds. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Do New Toilets Really Work Better?

The vast majority of water efficient models work very well. Many water providers around the state have been offering toilet rebates and have surveyed their customers. One agency in the San Francisco Bay area received over 4,000 surveys and found that

98% of their customers rated the performance of their new toilets as either excellent or good.

Quality can vary between toilet brands and models, so it is important to shop around. For performance testing of efficient toilets, visit California Urban Water Conservation Council at

www.cuwcc.org or
www.epa.gov/watersens/pp/het.htm.

Why Should I Replace my Toilet?

Toilets manufactured pre-1992 use 3.5 to 7 galls per flush (gpf) or between 17,000 and 34,000 gallons per year. By replacing your 3.5 gpf or great toilet with a 1.28 gpf HET toilet, a family can save over 17,000 gallons per year.

What Should I Look for in a Toilet?

- ✚ Determine the rough-in distance to ensure you purchase the correct size toilet. Measure the distance from the wall behind the existing toilet to the middle of the toilet drain opening in the floor.
- ✚ Fully glazed trapway – while not a requirement for a good toilet, it can improve flushing and bowl cleaning performance.
- ✚ Generally, the larger the diameter of the trapway, the better – larger than 2” is recommended.
- ✚ Make sure the product is warranted.

How Do I Know if My Toilet Qualifies?

The easiest way to tell is by the age of toilet. If your toilet was manufactured before 1992, it most likely is not a water efficient model (1.6 gpf or less). If it was manufactured after 1992, it most likely is a water efficient model. Manufacturer dates are usually engraved on the wall of the toilet tank or under the underside of the back inside of the tank lid.

Which New Toilets Qualify?

All HETs qualify such as the pressure assisted and dual flush toilets.

For an updated list of qualifying toilets, visit www.epa.gov/watersense/pp/het.htm or www.cuwcc.org/toilet_fixtures.lasso.

Where Can I Get More Information?

- ✚ www.epa.gov/waersense/ - water efficient products may be identified by the WaterSense logo.
- ✚ www.cuwcc.org – a high efficient toilet testing report can be found at California Urban Water Conservation Council’s Product News Section www.cuwcc.org/toilet_fixtures.lasso.
- ✚ www.h2ouse.org – a website by the California Urban Water Conservation Council.