

TDPUD Water-Efficient Toilet Rebate

The TDPUD Water-Efficient Toilet Rebate Program encourages customers to change out their old, high-water using toilets to new, lower water use toilets. In 1992 the Federal toilet standards went into effect requiring toilets installed in new construction to use 1.6 gallons of water per flush or less. Many “older” homes and businesses still have high-water use toilets that use between 3 and 7 gallons per flush (GPF). Recent advancements have allowed toilets to use 1.28 gallons per flush or less while still providing equal or superior performance. This is 20 percent less water than the current 1.6 GPF federal standard.

This rebate of up to \$100 will help TDPUD water customers upgrade their toilets and use less water.

How can I determine the Gallons per Flush (GPF) of my old toilet? †

- If your home was built prior to 1992, then you likely have a toilet that uses 3 gallons or more per flush:
 - For older toilets, the GPF capacity may be stamped on the inside of the tank, or underside of the tank lid or there may be a date stamp inside the tank or on the underside of the tank lid- 1991 or earlier suggests 3 GPF or greater.
 - Does the tank look like it would hold three or more 1-gallon milk containers?
- Generally, newer toilet's gallons per flush are printed on the porcelain directly behind the seat.

How can I provide proof that the old toilet has been decommissioned?

- You may provide a photo of the old toilet clearly showing it has been removed and made inoperable.
 - You may provide a receipt from the landfill itemizing the number of toilets disposed of.
 - If applicable, provide a receipt from a licensed contractor for removal and installation of toilet.
 - You may provide a small piece of porcelain from the tank of the removed toilet (placed in a plastic bag).
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Did You Know?

- The average family uses more than 300 gallons of water per day.
- Toilets account for more than 25% of daily water use for an average family.
- A family of 3 replacing 3.5 GPF toilets with 1.6 GPF toilets can save 12,000 gallons of water annually.
- A warped or poorly fitted toilet flapper can waste up to 200 gallons of water per day.
- A toilet that is constantly running can waste up to 300 gallons of water an hour.

Information from www.usepa.gov/watersense/

For additional information on these or other conservation programs visit www.tdpud.org or call 530.582.3931