

# WaterSmart Toilet Program

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **How much is the rebate?**

The rebate is \$100 per toilet, or the pre-tax purchase price of the toilet, whichever is less. The rebate applies only to the cost of the toilet, not additional parts, labor or tax.

### **Who qualifies for the rebate?**

Any single family home (house or condominium), or multifamily building with four or less units, located in Snohomish County is eligible for a rebate. You can apply for up to two rebates per house, condominium or unit, for a maximum of \$200.

### **Which toilets qualify for the rebate?**

Any toilet with the EPA WaterSense label qualifies for a rebate. For a list of WaterSense labeled toilets go here. Or, go to [www.epa.gov/watersense/product\\_search.html](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/product_search.html), select "toilets" in the product category box, and click the search button.

### **What are WaterSense labeled toilets?**

WaterSense toilets are high-efficiency toilets (HET). HETs use no more than 1.28 gallons per flush on average, or 20 percent less than the current plumbing standard. All WaterSense labeled toilets have been rigorously tested by independent laboratories and must reliably flush a minimum of 350 grams of solid.

### **Who makes WaterSense toilets and where are they sold?**

All major toilet manufacturers produce WaterSense labeled models and all hardware and bathroom supply stores carry at least a few models.

### **What documentation must I provide to receive a rebate?**

You must provide a copy of the original sales receipt. If the receipt does not show the brand and model of the toilet, you must provide other documentation, such as the WaterSense label and model number from the toilet packaging.

### **When must I apply?**

You must submit an application within 90 days after purchasing the toilet. This program is effective June 1, 2010 and we will accept receipts dated from April 1, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2010.

### **How long does it take to get my rebate?**

Rebate checks are typically mailed 4 to 6 weeks after receipt of the application.

**Is there an end date to this program?**

Program funds are approved annually and are available on a first come, first served basis. The current program budget runs through Dec. 31, 2010.

**How much water do WaterSense toilets save?**

Toilets sold in Washington before 1994 use at least 3.5 gallons per flush. Since 1994, toilets are required to use a maximum of 1.6 gallons per flush. Replacing a pre-1994 toilet will save a typical household about 10,000 gallons of water a year. Replacing a newer toilet will save about 1,400 gallons of water a year.

**What do I do with my old toilet?**

Old toilets can be recycled at Pacific Topsoils, Inc. The fee is \$5 provided you remove all metal and plastic parts from the toilet—everything in the tank, the toilet seat and the wax ring. If you don't, you will be charged a higher disposal fee. Toilets can be recycled at these two Pacific Topsoils locations:

<u>Smith Island</u>	<u>South Everett</u>
3000 Frontage Road, Everett	2407 Gibson Road, Everett
425-317-8420	425-353-1575
M-F 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.	M-F 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
SAT 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	SAT 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
SUN 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	SUN 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Who can I contact if I have questions?**

Email the City of Everett water conservation staff at [everettpw@ci.everett.wa.us](mailto:everettpw@ci.everett.wa.us), or call 425-257-8800.