



City of Tamarac

Ultra - Low Flow Toilet Rebate Program

Over 30% of indoor residential water use can occur through the toilet. To help its water customers reduce water use, the City of Tamarac offers this extraordinary program aimed at encouraging water customers to change out their old high-flow toilets for the newer low flow models. The City is offering a limited number of rebates; \$100 for the first toilet and \$75 for the second.

An ultra-low flow (ULF) toilet uses only 1.6 gallons per flush (gpf). A toilet uses between 5 and 7.5 gpf if it was manufactured before 1980. The older your toilet, the more water it uses. If your toilet was manufactured after 1980, it uses 3.5 gpf. The newest toilets use only 1.4-1.6 gpf.

The average household of four people (each flushing four times per day) with a standard 5 gpf would save 54.4 gallons per day or about 20,000 gallons per year. This would save approximately \$90 per year.

Generally, ULF toilets work as well as regular toilets. However, "as well" differs from person to person. Most of today's 1.4 and 1.6 gpf toilets have been carefully engineered to clean the bowls and move waste using a small amount of water. But, as with any consumer product, some models work better than others, and it is always a good idea to do a little research before you buy anything. If an ultra low-flush toilet bears the "ANSI" seal of approval, it means it has passed a series of performance tests by the American National Standards Institute. A recent survey of residential ultra low-flush toilet users conducted by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power found that respondents were generally very satisfied with their ultra low-flush toilet performance.

With manufacturers continually updating and improving the performance of their models, many customers find that their new ULF toilets actually flush better than older models.

Rebate Eligibility and Rules

The City of Tamarac Utilities Department is offering rebates on ultra-low flow (1.6 gallon /flush) toilets. The rebates are offered to encourage a permanent reduction in indoor water use. In order to qualify for the rebate, you must:

- Must be a customer of the City of Tamarac water system
- Must complete the application on the reverse side of this form
- Single family, owner occupied homes only
- Not retroactive, application must be submitted a minimum of 30 days prior to installation
- Not available for new construction
- Receive up to \$100 towards the price of one ULF toilet and installation. The rebate for the second toilet is \$75. Rebate will not exceed the cost of the fixture and/or installation
- The homeowner bears responsibility for fixture installation
- Rebate will be received as a credit on your water bill.
- Funds are limited, offered on a first come, first served basis
- Please allow 1-2 months for your rebate to appear on your water bill
- Random inspections to assure installation of ULF toilet
- Maximum of two toilets per household.
- Incomplete applications will be rejected
- Participants agree to use only low flow showerheads (less than 2.5 gal/min). The City of Tamarac will provide these.
- To assure funds are available for your rebate, call 954-597-3792 before replacing toilets.

For information please contact Bill Franqui, Water Conservation Specialist at 954-597-3792 or billf@tamarac.org

Mail completed application to:

Toilet Rebate Program
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