WaterSense Accomplishments 2012

Shower Better
Commercial and Institutional BMPs
Pre-Rinse Spray Valves

Efficiency Excellence
Water-Smart Landscapes
Irrigation Controllers

Partner of the Year
Partner

Multi-Family
Fix a Leak Week
Social Media
Billions & Billions Saved

WaterSense, a partnership program sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), works collaboratively with companies, organizations, and communities to encourage innovation in manufacturing and support sustainable jobs for American workers. Since 2006, the WaterSense label has made it easy for consumers to find high-performing, water-efficient products. Across the country, millions of Americans are saving water, energy, and money by installing WaterSense labeled products in their homes and businesses.

WaterSense Labeled Products

Ever since the first WaterSense labeled toilets hit store shelves in 2007, more and more product types have earned the WaterSense label, and the total number of WaterSense labeled models has continued to grow.

WaterSense has helped reduce the amount of energy needed to heat, pump, and treat water by 64.7 billion kilowatt hours, enough to supply a year’s worth of power to more than 6.1 million homes...

...eliminating greenhouse gas emissions...

...the equivalent of planting nearly 606 million trees...

That’s enough water to supply all the homes in Colorado and Arizona for a year!

WaterSense has more than 1,350 organizational partners across the country...

...and more than 1,350 irrigation partners...

WaterSense has helped reduce consumers' water and energy bills by $8.9 billion since 2006!
Multi-Family Homes Can Earn the WaterSense Label

In 2012, WaterSense updated its new homes program to include multi-family units. Like the more than 200 families now living in WaterSense labeled single-family homes, apartment and condominium dwellers can save up to 50,000 gallons of water per year and up to $600 annually on utility bills compared to a traditional home.

Water-Smart Landscape Photo Gallery

The WaterSense Water-Smart Landscape Photo Gallery that launched in 2012 showcases beautiful landscapes that are water-efficient and low-maintenance. Visit www.epa.gov/watersense/outdoor/landscape_photos.html to be inspired.

Commercial and Institutional Best Management Practices

WaterSense released WaterSense at Work: Best Management Practices for Commercial and Institutional Facilities to help facility owners, operators, designers, and managers better understand and manage their water use, establish an effective water management program, and identify products and practices that can reduce water and energy use. By taking steps to use less water, commercial and institutional facilities can save on operating costs and get a green building edge.

WaterSense in Social Media

WaterSense continued expanding its social media reach, with nearly 10,000 Facebook fans and Twitter followers by the end of 2012. Hosting its first Fix a Leak Week “Twitter party” on March 12, 2012, WaterSense saw #fixaleak trend second in the United States, and #fixaleak was tweeted by WaterSense and its partners more than 1,000 times. During summer’s hottest months, six national bloggers from the Huffington Post to Big Green Purse reached more than 32,000 followers with WaterSense’s outdoor water-saving tips.

What’s Next?

In 2013, WaterSense will ramp up its activity in the commercial sector. The final specification for commercial pre-rinse spray valves is slated for release in late 2013, and EPA is currently looking into developing a specification for flushometer-valve toilets. WaterSense will also look to label additional outdoor products with the release of a notice of intent to develop a specification for soil moisture-based control technologies.