



WaterSense[®] Labeled Toilets

Toilets represent the main source of water use in the home, accounting for nearly 25 percent of an average home's indoor water consumption. Older, inefficient toilets that use as much as six gallons per flush can be a major source of wasted water in many homes, but even today's standard toilets use more water than they need to.

Flush Facts

Design improvements 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 federal standard of 1.6 gallons per flush. WaterSense labeled toilets are independently certified to meet the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's criteria for both performance and efficiency. Only toilets that complete the third-party certification process can earn the WaterSense label.

WaterSense Savings

By replacing all old, inefficient toilets with WaterSense labeled models, the average family can reduce water used for flushing toilets by 20 to 60 percent—that's 13,000 gallons of water savings per home every year! They could also save \$170 per

Get a Handle On Leaks

Does your toilet have a silent leak? Place a few drops of food coloring in your toilet's tank and wait 10 minutes. If the dye shows up in the bowl, you have a leak that can probably be fixed by replacing a worn toilet flapper. Don't forget to flush to avoid staining! For more information about fixing leaks, please visit www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week. year in water costs, and \$3,400 over the lifetime of the toilets.

Nationally, if all old, inefficient toilets in the United States were replaced with WaterSense labeled models, we could save more than 260 billion gallons of water per year, or the amount of water that flows over Niagara Falls in about five days.

Look for the WaterSense Label

Whether remodeling a bathroom, starting construction of a new home, or simply replacing an old, leaky toilet that is wasting money and water, installing a WaterSense labeled toilet is a high-performance, water-



efficient option worth considering. WaterSense labeled toilets are available at a wide variety of price points and a broad range of styles. If you opt for a WaterSense labeled dual-flush toilet, you can save even more water by choosing a "reduced flush" mode that uses a smaller volume of water to remove liquid waste. In many areas, utilities offer rebates and vouchers that can lower the price of a WaterSense labeled toilet.

For more information or a list of WaterSense labeled products, visit www.epa.gov/watersense.



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