

## Transition Agreement and Timeline for Compliance With Version 2.0 of the *WaterSense*<sup>®</sup> Specification for Tank-Type Toilets

In May 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published Version 2.0 of the [WaterSense Specification for Tank-Type Toilets](#) (Version 2.0). The revisions included in Version 2.0 only impact the certification status of dual-flush toilets with a full-flush volume of more than 1.28 gallons per flush (gpf). The revisions do not impact the certification status of single-flush toilets or dual-flush toilets that have a full-flush volume less than or equal to 1.28 gpf. It should be noted that earning the WaterSense label on tank-type toilets is voluntary, and while products that do not meet the criteria included in Version 2.0 will no longer be eligible to bear the WaterSense label, they will still be legal for sale in the United States under federal law.<sup>1</sup>

Version 2.0 of the *WaterSense Specification for Tank-Type Toilets* will take effect on July 1, 2025. Dual-flush toilets manufactured after June 30, 2025, with a full-flush volume over 1.28 gpf will no longer be eligible for the WaterSense label. Manufacturers may begin delisting ineligible products from their certification listing at any time ahead of the effective date. On July 1, 2025, EPA will designate any ineligible models that remain on the WaterSense Product Search Tool as delisted. In all cases, models will remain on the WaterSense Product Search Tool for six months<sup>2</sup> following the date it was delisted, which allows for previously manufactured and labeled models to be sold in the marketplace.

During the six-month grace period between July 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025, packaged inventories of dual-flush tank-type toilet models that were manufactured and labeled prior to the effective date may still be distributed and sold with the WaterSense label. During this grace period, manufacturers shall discontinue use of the WaterSense label and associated language communicating WaterSense certification on product packaging of ineligible products. Product packaging includes specification sheets, product web pages, and other online or printed materials. EPA will pause brand monitoring related to dual-flush toilets during this six-month period. Further, in accordance with existing EPA policy, manufacturers are not required to remove the WaterSense label from their packaged inventory or otherwise destroy products or packaging already in the marketplace or warehouses.

After December 31, 2025 (after the grace period), all dual-flush toilet models with a full-flush volume greater than 1.28 gpf will be removed from the WaterSense Product Search Tool. However, EPA will still be able to confirm the prior labeled status of models upon inquiries from consumers, utilities, or other interested parties. EPA expects that, by December 31, 2025, manufacturers will have suspended use of the WaterSense label and associated language on any online or printed materials for all previously labeled products that are no longer eligible. EPA will resume brand monitoring starting on January 1, 2026, and will work with manufacturers and certifying bodies to ensure product certification listings and product documentation are current and compliant.

**EPA Licensed Certifying Bodies (LCBs):** The revisions do not impact the current licensing status of LCBs, and EPA will not require edits to licensing agreements or licensing agreement amendments currently in effect. EPA will not require the retesting or recertification of any existing labeled single-flush and dual-flush toilets with a maximum flush volume less than or

<sup>1</sup> Individual states and localities may have stricter requirements than U.S. law.

<sup>2</sup> As per existing WaterSense policy.

equal to 1.28 gpf. Within three months of the effective date (by October 1, 2025), certifying bodies are required to remove ineligible products from their certification listings and submit updated product notification templates (PNTs). Certifying bodies must use Version 4.0 of the PNT, which reflects the revisions included in Version 2.0 of the specification. Version 3.0 of the PNT for tank-type toilets will not be accepted after October 1, 2025. LCBs may only have one version of the PNT in service.

Guidance on this transition for other WaterSense partners can be found in the [Partner Guidance on the Transition to Version 2.0 of the WaterSense Specification for Tank-Type Toilets](#).

EPA’s timeline and activities associated with the transition to Version 2.0 are summarized below in Table 1.

**Table 1. Timeline and Activities Associated With the Transition to WaterSense Specification for Tank-Type Toilets, Version 2.0**

Description	Date	Activities
Publication date	May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPA publishes final <i>WaterSense Specification for Tank-Type Toilets, Version 2.0</i>.</li> <li>Manufacturers, at their discretion, can begin to remove ineligible models from product certification listings.</li> </ul>
Effective date	July 1, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>WaterSense Specification for Tank-Type Toilets, Version 2.0</i> takes effect.</li> <li>Dual-flush models that are unable to meet the Version 2.0 specification criteria may no longer bear the WaterSense label.</li> <li>EPA designates all dual-flush models no longer meeting specification criteria as “delisted.”</li> </ul>
Certifying body transition period	July 1, 2025 through October 1, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Licensed certifying bodies are required to update certification listings and submit Version 4.0 of the PNT with up-to-date product listings.</li> </ul>
Grace period	July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPA pauses brand monitoring activities related to dual-flush toilets to offer manufacturers and private labelers the opportunity to update materials associated with previously labeled models.</li> <li>Manufacturers and private labelers work on updates to online and newly printed materials associated with previously labeled models to remove the WaterSense label and any language associated with WaterSense labeling.</li> </ul>
Discontinue date	December 31, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All dual-flush models no longer meeting specification criteria that were designated as “delisted” are removed from the WaterSense Product Search Tool.</li> </ul>
Ongoing	Starting on January 1, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPA reimplements brand monitoring activities related to dual-flush toilets and works with manufacturers, private labelers, and licensed certifying bodies, as applicable, to resolve any identified brand monitoring issues.</li> </ul>