



# City of Melbourne Toilet Rebate Program

FY 2011 / 2012



The City of Melbourne is offering a limited toilet retrofit rebate program on a first-come, first-served basis. Rebates are available until budgeted rebate funds are depleted or until September 30, 2012, whichever comes first. The number of rebates available each fiscal year depends on that year's budgeted funding level. This program is being offered as a means to reduce the amount of water used by consumers from older-model toilets.

By replacing existing toilets put into use prior to 1994 with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) WaterSense rated high-efficiency toilets (HETs) a significant reduction in water usage can be achieved. This reduction in water use translates into cost savings for water consumers. Long-term effects include a reduction in the cost of water and wastewater treatment and increased effective capacity for treatment facilities.

One \$50 rebate is provided per Melbourne water customer for changing out a pre-1994 toilet with a new WaterSense certified HET (flush rate of 1.28 gallons or less). Eligible HETs are listed on the EPA's web site ([http://www.epa.gov/watersense/product\\_search.html](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/product_search.html)).

## Toilet Rebate Eligibility and Requirements

The following conditions must be met in order to receive your rebate:

- 1) To be eligible for a rebate, you must be a City of Melbourne residential water customer, with an account in your name that is in good standing. Any applicant with a past due balance of more than 30 days will have the rebate amount applied to their past due utility balance.
- 2) Only one rebate will be provided per account.
- 3) During the 2011/2012 fiscal year, the original sales receipt must be dated no earlier than August 1, 2011.
- 4) Customers must purchase and install an EPA WaterSense certified HET (using not more than 1.28 gallons per flush). A new toilet consists of both the tank and the bowl. The customer must complete a rebate application form and mail it to the Environmental Community Outreach (ECO) Division. The application must also include the customer's **ORIGINAL** sales receipt, which must have a separate listing for the toilet and include the manufacturer and model, the **UPC bar code label** from the box which includes model information, and the WaterSense label from the box.
- 5) Rebate application packets are available by calling the ECO Division at (321) 953-6302 or online ([www.melbourneflorida.org/watercon](http://www.melbourneflorida.org/watercon)).

- 6) Completed rebate application and supporting documentation must be submitted to:  
City of Melbourne  
ECO Division  
Toilet Rebate Program  
2885 Harper Road  
Melbourne, FL 32904
- 7) It is the customer's responsibility to ensure proper installation. The City recommends that installation be performed by a qualified plumber.
- 8) Eligible participants will be mailed a check. If the purchase price, not including tax, is less than the rebate amount, the rebate will be for the purchase price amount only. The purchase price is calculated for the tank and the bowl only and does not include installation, accessories or other related items.
- 9) Homes for which a building permit was applied on January 1, 1994 or after, and those with building permits for remodeling, are already required to have water efficient toilets by the City Plumbing Code and are not eligible for a rebate.
- 10) The removed toilet cannot be reused and must be disposed. Old toilets can be placed curbside for bulk pickup by Waste Management. To schedule a bulk pickup, please call Waste Management at 321-723-4455. The old toilet can also be disposed of at the Brevard County Landfill site located at 3379 Sarno Road. Their hours are 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
- 11) By participating in the Melbourne Toilet Retrofit Rebate Program, the customer agrees to an installation verification visit if one is scheduled by the ECO Manager or designee, and may be asked to respond to a follow-up survey conducted by City of Melbourne staff.

*The date of manufacture is often stamped into the porcelain on the underside of the tank lid or the inside edge of the tank. Rebates are NOT for new construction and/or room additions.*

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## Single-Family Residential Application

### Customer Information

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (where toilet is located) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home or Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

### Household Information

Year Home Was Built \_\_\_\_\_ # of People Residing in Home \_\_\_\_\_ Age of Toilet Being Replaced \_\_\_\_\_  
Replacement Toilet Manufacturer (Brand) \_\_\_\_\_  
Model Name or Number \_\_\_\_\_ How Many Gallons per Flush (GPF) \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you received a previous rebate from the City:  Yes  No  
Price Paid for Toilet \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Installation \_\_\_\_\_  
Installed by (check one):  Homeowner  Plumber Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
How did you hear about this program? (Check all that apply):  Plumber  Friend or Family Member  
 Newspaper/Newsletter Article  City Representative  Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you have an irrigation system at your home?:  Yes  No If yes, is the water source for your irrigation system  
(check one)  well water  reclaimed water  City water  Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the toilet rebate policy requirements as stated in the attached instruction sheet. I understand that in order to receive the rebate, I must dispose of the toilet that was replaced so it cannot be reused. I also understand that an inspection of the installed toilet may be required prior to rebate approval.

**\*\*\*\* Please make sure to attach the ORIGINAL receipt and the cut out UPC bar code which includes model information, from the box, and the WaterSense label to this application.**

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### City Use Only

Application # \_\_\_\_\_ Date application received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Purchase price of toilet (not including tax): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Original receipt included:  Yes  No  
Purchased from:  Lowes  Home Depot  Plumbing Co.  Other  
Toilet confirmed as: HET   
Comments \_\_\_\_\_

# Savings to be achieved with ULF and HET Toilets

**Q. How much water do toilets use?**

**A.** Toilets comprise the largest category of indoor water use, averaging from more than one-third to almost one-half of total indoor water use. The 1992 federal Energy Policy Act mandated that all toilets sold in the United State use an average of 1.6 gallons per flush (gpf) or less. Toilets made during the period of 1980 – 1993 use 3.5 gpf or more. Toilets made prior to 1980 use 5 – 7 gpf or more. The oldest toilets can use more than 8 gpf.

**Q. How much water will I save by changing out my old toilet to a new high-efficiency toilet (HET)?**

**A.** If a family of four switches out a toilet that uses 7 gallons per flush (gpf) for an HET (1.28 gpf) toilet, it could save up to 41,756 gallons of water per year! The table below provides water amounts used for various sized toilets.

Gallons per flush (gpf) of toilet	# of people	Gallons per family per day	Gallons per family x Days per year =	Annual water used
7 gpf	4	7 gpf x 5 flushes per person = 35 x 4 people = 140	140 x 365 =	51,100 gallons
5 gpf	4	5 gpf x 5 flushes per person = 25 x 4 people = 100	100 x 365 =	36,500 gallons
3.5 gpf	4	3.5 gpf x 5 flushes per person = 17.5 x 4 people = 70	70 x 365 =	25,500 gallons
ULF (1.6 gpf)	4	1.6 gpf x 5 flushes per person = 8 x 4 people = 32	32 x 365 =	11,680 gallons
HET (1.28 gpf)	4	1.28 gpf x 5 flushes per person = 6.4 x 4 people = 25.6	25.6 x 365 =	9,344 gallons

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