

Did You Know?

The average homeowner can install low-flow shower heads, install aerators on the faucets in the kitchen and bath, and repair dripping faucets and leaking toilets. This could save from 10,000 to 25,000 gallons of water per year for a family of four. Here are some more great water-saving tips to help you use water more efficiently and lower your water bill:

- Never use the toilet to dispose of tissues, cigarette butts, or other trash. This wastes a great deal of water and also places an unnecessary load on your septic tank or the Town's waste water treatment plant.
- Scrape dirty dishes clean instead of rinsing them before loading them in the dishwasher. There is no need to rinse unless they are heavily soiled.
- Never run the dishwasher without a full load. This practice will save water, energy, detergent, and money.
- Pumping, treating and distributing water throughout town is energy-intensive. Letting a faucet run for 5 minutes uses the same amount of energy as a 60-watt light bulb running for 14 hours.
- Reducing water use extends the life of your septic system.
- Insulate all hot water pipes to reduce the delays (and wasted water) experienced while waiting for the water to "run hot".



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Upgrade toilets & clothes washers...



Save Water Save Money

... and get a rebate!

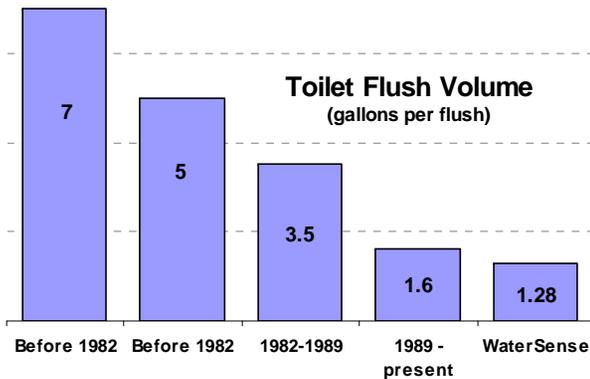


Why a Rebate?

Toilets and clothes washers are the top two water-consuming appliances in the home. By replacing older inefficient models with new ones, water customers can save water and shrink water bills. The Acton Water District is encouraging residents to install water-efficient appliances by offering a \$75 rebate toward the cost of a new WaterSense labeled toilet and \$100 for a water-efficient clothes washer.

Why Replace a Toilet?

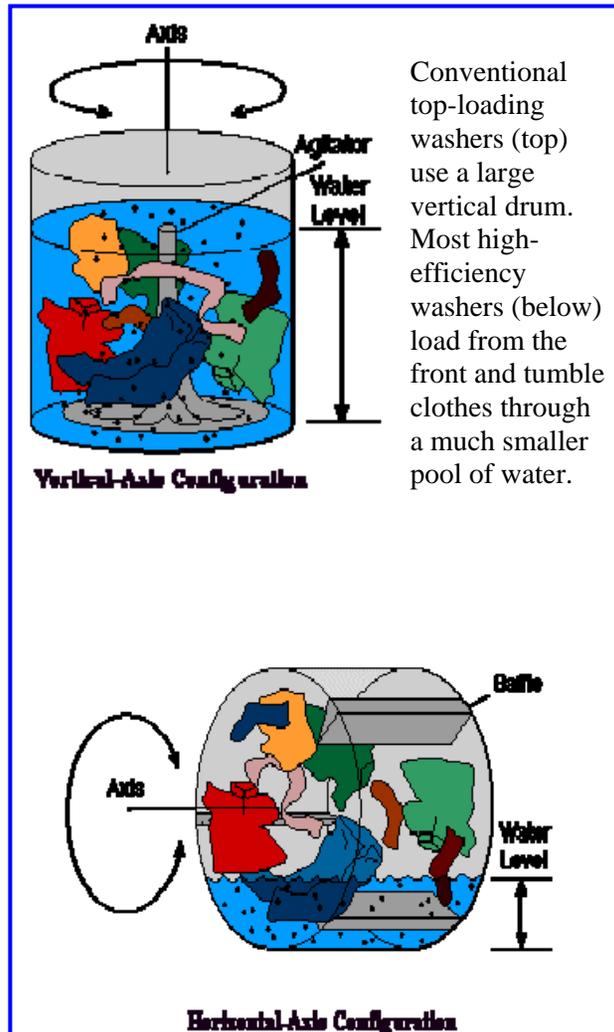
According to a study conducted by the American Water Works Association, toilets account for nearly 27% of water used in the home. Toilets installed before 1982 use between five and seven gallons per flush; with models installed during the 1980s



using 3.5 gallons. Today's toilets use less than half the amount of water, with EPA WaterSense labeled toilets using no more than 1.28 gallons per flush.

Why Replace a Clothes Washer?

Clothes washers are the second largest water-consumer in your home and account for more than 20% of indoor water use. By choosing a high-efficiency model, you will save energy, water, and money on your utility bills. Studies have shown that these new washers are also gentler on your clothes.



Conventional top-loading washers (top) use a large vertical drum. Most high-efficiency washers (below) load from the front and tumble clothes through a much smaller pool of water.

How to Get a Rebate

To qualify for the program, you must be an Acton Water District account holder. Rebates must be requested within 90



days of purchase and the toilet or washing machine must be installed. To get a toilet rebate, you must be installing a WaterSense labeled toilet.

For a washing machine rebate, you must be installing a high-efficiency clothes washer that appears on the Consortium of Energy Efficiency (CEE) qualifying list at Tier 3.

Within 90 days of purchase, submit a rebate application, along with a receipt showing proof of purchase and model numbers, to the Acton Water District. Once approved, your rebate will appear as a credit on your water bill.

Rebate application forms, as well as lists of eligible toilets and clothes washers, are available at the Acton Water District Office, 693 Massachusetts Ave., and at www.actonwater.com

Act now! Funds are limited and will be disbursed on a first come basis! The program may be suspended at any time.

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