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New Water Conservation Rebates Announced

Sacramento Department of Utilities Revises Rebate Program to Continue Water Conservation Efforts

The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities announces changes to its Water Conservation Rebate Program. Effective July 1, 2010, High-Efficiency Toilets will now be eligible for rebates of up to \$100 per toilet. The City will also expand its washing machine rebate program to include a \$100 rebate for Tier 3 washing machines. These rebates can be combined with other rebates being offered by other entities, including the State's Cash for Appliances Program and rebates offered by SMUD or PG&E.

"More than 20% of a customer's indoor water use is from toilets. By offering rebates on the most water-efficient toilets on the market, we really hope to encourage residents to Be Water Smart when replacing their toilets," said Marty Hanneman, Director of the Department of Utilities. "Changing the rebate amounts also is helping us to continue to fund this program by capitalizing on the limited amount of grant funds available to us and lessening the burden on the funds generated by rate payers."

A typical residential toilet uses 3 to 5 gallons of water per flush. A High Efficiency Toilet utilizes 1.28 gallons of water per flush.

A High Efficiency Tier 3 Washing Machine uses approximately 15 gallons of water per load of laundry, while a standard top-loading washing machine uses 40 gallons of water per load. Using a High Efficiency Washing Machine can also bring energy savings as it uses less hot water and electricity to operate. When combined with California's Cash for Appliances Program and applicable SMUD/PG&E rebates, a customer who purchases a Tier 3 washing machine is eligible for up to \$325 in rebates.

For more information on the City of Sacramento Department of Utilities' Rebate Program, please visit <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities/water/services.cfm>

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