



City of Hays
**High Efficiency Toilet
Rebate Program**

Application # 2014 - _____

Valid until Dec. 31, 2014

IMPORTANT: Read all information on page 2 of this application.

1. Name: _____

2. Mailing Address: _____

3. City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

4. Telephone: _____

5. Address where toilet is installed: _____
(If different than mailing address)

6. City of Hays Water Account Number: _____
(For address where toilet is installed.)

7. Toilet Manufacturer: _____

8. Model Number/Information/Specs: _____

9. Date Purchased: _____

10. Date Installed: _____

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions as stated on the 2nd page of this application:

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Please attach a copy of the sales receipt, which should include purchase date and model number.
Return the completed application to:**

City of Hays Utilities Dept.
Attn: Toilet Rebate
P.O. Box 490
Hays, KS 67601
OR

Return completed forms with required information to the City Hall Finance Office, 1507 Main St.
For more information, call the Water Office at (785) 628-7300.

This program provides financial assistance to customers wishing to purchase water-conserving high efficiency toilets for their home or business. The City of Hays does not endorse or recommend specific brands, products or dealers. Selection and installation of the appliance is the sole responsibility of the applicant, as is determination of the adequacy and compatibility of their existing plumbing system. The City assumes no responsibility for any damage that may occur to an applicant's property as a result of participation in this rebate program. Due to circumstances beyond its control, the City cannot guarantee that the installation of the high efficiency toilet will result in lower utility costs.

OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

APPLICATION: Approved Denied

INSPECTION: Required Waived

INSPECTED BY: _____ Date: _____

COMMENTS: _____

REBATE APPROVED BY: _____ Date: _____

REBATE AMOUNT: \$ _____

PURCHASE ORDER #: _____



City of Hays Utilities Department High Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program

Guidelines

The high-efficiency gravity-flush toilet rebate program is tiered for 2014, with the most efficient models receiving a higher rebate payment.

- 0.8 GPF - **\$150**
- 1.0 GPF - **\$100**
- 1.1 – 1.3 GPF - **\$50**

Toilets eligible for the rebate program must flush at or under 1.3 gallons per flush (GPF) and carry the WaterSense label. The rebate program only applies to gravity flush toilets (i.e. tank-type toilets). Dual flush toilets are eligible for the program; the average flush volume will be used in determining rebate payment. More information, including eligible models, can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/products/toilets.html>.



Eligibility:

All properties served by the City's water system with existing toilets are eligible for rebates. Rebates are only available for the replacement of existing toilets. No rebates are available for expansions.

Costs:

There is no cost to participate in this program. No permit is required for the installation of replacement toilets in existing locations.

How to participate:

Select, purchase, and install a qualifying toilet. Completed rebate application and include the following required information:

- A copy of the sales receipt or invoice showing the date and place of sale, itemized description of purchase including models number(s).
- If the installation is performed by a contractor, include date of installation.

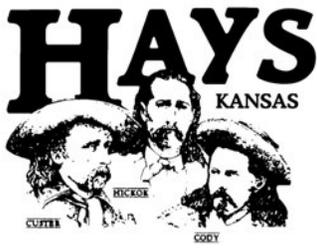
Return completed rebate application along with the required information to City Hall Finance Office, 1507 Main St. or mail to:

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Payment:

Payment will be made to the owner of the property. A city staff member may inspect the fixture and installation for eligibility prior to issuance of rebate.

The amount of rebate paid to an individual property owner is not capped, with the exception of fund availability.



City of Hays Utilities Department Toilet Rebate Program FAQ's



City of Hays High Efficiency Gravity-flush Toilet Rebate Program - Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Where do I find which toilet models qualify for the rebate?

A: WaterSense, the EPA's highly stringent standard of testing and endorsing water conserving products, has labeled over 1,700 toilet models that flush at or under 1.3 gallons per flush (GPF). A list of qualifying models can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/products/toilets.html>.

Q: Can I install the toilet myself?

A: Yes. The installation of replacement fixtures in existing locations does not require a plumbing permit.

Q: If I replace all of the toilets in my home or business with eligible high efficiency models, am I eligible for rebates for all of them?

A: Yes. There is no cap on the rebate amount per household.

Q: Where can I find the rebate application?

A: Rebate applications can be found at http://www.haysusa.com/html/water_conservation2.html or by visiting the Finance office in City Hall, 1507 Main St.

Q: I found a WaterSense endorsed toilet that is less expensive than the rebate amount. Am I eligible for the full rebate amount?

A: Yes.

Q: Are dual-flush toilets eligible for the rebate?

A: Yes, dual flush toilets carrying the WaterSense label are eligible for the program. Rebate amount will be determined by the flush volume average (e.g. 1.0/1.6 GPF would equate to a \$50 rebate).

Q: Are the various dual-flush conversions available on the market eligible for the rebate?

A: No, dual-flush conversion kits are not eligible for the program.

Q: Are the valve-flush type toilets in my commercial building eligible for the rebate?

A: No, there is no rebate program in 2014 for the valve-flush type toilets found in many commercial and institutional facilities. The rebate only applies to gravity-flush tank-type toilets.

Q: Is this rebate retroactive? I bought a new high efficiency toilet in October, am I eligible?

A: No, the rebate program is only eligible for newly purchased high efficiency toilets on or after January 1, 2014.

Q: Do I need to send receipts for the other parts used in the installation, such as wax rings, shut-off valves and toilet seats?

A: No, but it is okay if they are on the receipt.

Q: Is the rebate program available for expansions? I'm adding a bathroom to my home.

A: No, the program is designed to phase out old, inefficient fixtures with new, high efficiency fixtures.

Q: I put a water displacement device (e.g. brick, bag of water, etc.) in my toilet tank to lower the flush volume. Can I get a rebate?

A: No.

Important Considerations Before You Purchase a Toilet

(courtesy of MaP Toilet Testing <http://www.map-testing.com>)

1. ROUGH-IN

Know the rough-in dimension of your toilet installation. The distance from the flange bolts (that anchor your bowl to the floor, usually covered by small white caps) to the wall behind your toilet is known as the rough-in. In most homes, that dimension is either 10, 12, or 14 inches, with the most common in today's homes being 12 inches.

2. BOWL HEIGHT

The distance from the floor to the top rim of the bowl (not including the toilet seat). In North America, that distance has traditionally been about 14 to 15 inches. However, the trend for many families today is to install bowls with a height of 16 to 18 inches. Manufacturers use terms such as "Comfort Height", "Chair Height", "ADA Height", or some other similar description. The added height makes getting on and off the bowl easier, especially for the elderly or infirm, but many other people have also discovered the benefit. Decide whether or not you want a toilet with a taller bowl.

3. ONE-PIECE vs. TWO-PIECE

Two-piece toilets are the most common design found on the market today. They are typically less expensive and usually have a taller tank. One-piece toilets, on the other hand, are generally more expensive but they are often easier to clean and may provide a smoother, sleeker appearance. Decide on one-piece or two-piece.

4. FOOTPRINT

If you are replacing an existing toilet that has a large footprint (i.e., the base covers a large floor area), consider the patching and repair to the floor that might be required if a bowl with a smaller footprint is chosen. This is especially an issue where tile covers the floor around the toilet. Will additional matching tile be required and will the appearance be satisfactory? Footprint dimensions of most new toilets may be found on the manufacturers website.

5. WALL-PRINT

Again, when you are replacing an older toilet that has a large tank AND the wall area that is hidden behind that tank is unfinished or unpainted, consider that the installation of a smaller tank (typical of many of today's toilet models) may leave those unpainted areas visible. As such, you may need to repaint a portion of the wall.

6. BOWL SHAPE

Choosing the bowl design is another important factor. Bowls are typically designed with either a smaller, round-front bowl or a longer, elongated-front bowl. The round bowl is ideal for compact bathroom spaces. Elongated bowls have a longer rim dimension (as much as 2 inches longer). They are more comfortable for adult use and they help improve hygiene. Be sure to measure the dimensions of your existing bowl and consider the size of the toilet space in your bathroom before replacing a round-front model with an elongated model. There have been cases where door and drawers could not be opened when the old round-front bowl was replaced with an elongated model! Check manufacturer websites for the dimensions of bowls and tanks. Decide on a bowl shape.

7. WATER SHUT-OFF VALVE AND SUPPLY HOSE

Check the condition of your existing shut-off valve that supplies water to the toilet and the supply hose connecting that valve with the toilet. If you need to replace the supply hose, consider one encased in stainless steel mesh for long-term durability. If the shut-off valve needs replacing, it may be necessary to call your plumber.

8. FLUSH HANDLE LOCATION

Manufacturers place flush handles at various locations on the tank: right side, right front, left, side, left front, and at the top-center of the tank lid. You should determine if the handle's location is important.

9. OTHER FIT ISSUES

Do you have a shelf installed directly above your toilet, such as the type occasionally found in older homes? If so, be sure to measure the distance from the floor to that shelf. Then consider that distance to be a limit upon the overall height of the combined bowl and tank you plan to purchase. It is important to leave sufficient room between the tank lid and the shelf such that the lid can be removed and the parts inside the tank can be accessed when required.

10. MaP SCORE

If you want a toilet with the best flush performance, you should check out the MaP scores! Go to <http://www.map-testing.com/map-search.html> and do a search for just the right toilet to fit your needs. Remember that toilets with scores of 500 and above will provide you with excellent performance.

11. COLOR

Generally, a colored toilet can be a disadvantage, particularly if choosing a trendy color requires you to also replace parts or all of the bathroom vanity, sink, and tub in order to maintain continuity. In addition, when it's time to sell your home, today's "popular" color may be tomorrow's albatross. We recommend sticking with white or off-white (sometimes referred to as biscuit, beige, or bone), all of which are commonly found in homes today.

12. COST

Presumably, the toilet you choose will be installed and operating for at least 20 years. Don't attempt to save a few dollars on a toilet purchase when you are making an 'investment' in your home that will have lasting functionality and use.