



THE CITY OF SANFORD TOILET REBATE PROGRAM

To conserve water, the City of Sanford offers a limited toilet rebate program on a first-come, first served basis when funding is available. The goal is to replace toilets put into use in prior to 1995 with newer models that use no more than 1.6 gallons per flush. A \$50 rebate is available toward the cost of installing a new toilet. The program will remain in effect until budgeted funds are depleted. The following conditions must be met in order for a toilet purchase to be eligible for a \$50 rebate:

- The person seeking the rebate must be a City of Sanford residential water customer in good standing. Only one rebate will be provided per customer.
- Only residential customers are eligible. Toilet must be installed at the property that receives a water bill directly from the City of Sanford.
- Homes for which a building permit was applied on March 28, 1995 or after, and those with building permits for remodeling, are already required to have 1.6 gpf (gallons per flush) toilets by the City Plumbing Code and are not eligible.

Business and multi-unit dwelling complexes are not eligible. The offer is good only to those replacing existing models, and not for new construction and/or room additions. Also, the replacement of an existing ultra-low flush toilet with a new ultra-low flush toilet does not qualify.

- Customers must purchase and install a City approved ultra low-flush (not to exceed 1.6 gallons per flush) toilet (including both tank and bowl). The customer must complete a rebate application form and mail it to Utility Administration. The application must also include customer's original sales receipt, which must have a separate listing for the toilet, which includes the manufacturer and model.
- It is the customer's responsibility to ensure proper installation. The City recommends that installation be performed by a qualified plumber.
- The removed toilet cannot be reused and must be disposed of. Old toilets can be placed on curbside for regular trash pickup. The hours are from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- The originals ***sales receipt must be dated no earlier than October 1st of that Fiscal Year.*** The manufacturer and model of the toilet must be listed on the receipt. The manufacturer and model must be included on the listing of approved ultra low- flush toilets or be approved by the Manager, Utility Support Services (USS) call 407.688.5105.
- You agree to assist the city in studying water use changes to document overall program effectiveness.
- Replacement will be inspected by the City of Sanford. Some inspections may be waived in lieu of signing a notarized affidavit in accordance with Sanford Building Department procedures.
- By participating in the Sanford Rebate program, the customer agrees to an installation verification visit if one is scheduled by the Manager, Utility Support Service (USS) or designee, and may be asked to a follow-up survey conducted by the City of Sanford staff.
- Eligible participants' rebates will be mailed to them or applied directly to their account. If the purchase price, not including tax, is less than \$50, the rebate will be for the purchase price amount. The purchase price is calculated for the tank and the bowl only and does not include installation, accessories or other related items.



City of Sanford Toilet Rebate Application
Single-Family Residential Application Only
Customer Information

Date Account #
Full Name (print)
Name on the account if different
Installation Address (where toilet is located) Zip
Mailing Address (if different) Zip
Home Phone# Work Phone #

Household Information

Year home was built # of people residing in home
of bathrooms in home Replacement toilet manufacturer (brand)
Model Name or Number

Do you agree to assist the city in studying water use changes to document overall program effectiveness? () Yes () No

Have you received a previous toilet rebate from the City? () Yes () No

Is the toilet a 1.6 gallons per flush (gpf) ultra-low flush toilet? () Yes () No

Price Paid for Toilet \$ Date of Purchased Date Installation

Installed by (check one):
() Homeowner () Plumber () other (specify)

How did you hear about this program? (check all that apply):

() Plumber () City Representative () Newspaper
() Utility Bill/ Insert () Radio or TV () Other (specify)

Article

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

Applicant's Signature

Date

CITY Use Only

Application # _____ Date application received: _____

Purchase Price of New Toilet: _____

Original receipt included? () Yes () No

Inspection Date _____

Comments _____

Please complete the following application and send in the following documents:

- a. Complete application
- b. A copy of the drivers license
- c. A copy of your receipt (purchase item)
- d. Notarized letter

(We have our own notary if you would like us to notarize your document please come between the hours of 10:00 am till 1:00pm).

Mail complete form to:

Utility Administration Attention Toilet Rebate Program, City of Sanford Utility Department P.O. Box 1788
Sanford, FL 32772

Please be inform this application is for Sanford single family residents only, no business or multi units. Thank you!

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City of Sanford Toilet Rebate Program Inspection Waiver

This Waiver of Inspection is provided to the City of Sanford for reliance upon by the City for approving a toilet exchange rebate. The rebate applicant recognizes that he/she must comply with all of the Program's conditions, in order to be fully eligible for a rebate.

I, _____ (Print Name), certify that an ultra-low flush (not to exceed 1.6 gpf (gallons per flush) toilet (including both tank and bowl) was installed at _____, Sanford in accordance with the City of Sanford Toilet Rebate Program conditions. The applicant acknowledges that compliance with the Toilet Rebate Program conditions does not exempt them from complying with any applicable building codes or other regulations.

The applicant hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the City and its officers, employees and agents, harmless for any and all losses, damages, injuries and claims in any way relating, directly or indirectly, to installing the ultra-low flush (not to exceed 1.6 gpf (gallons per flush) toilet (including both tank and bowl).

The applicant hereby agrees to disclose the contents of this document to any and all of our successors in interest, contractors, sub-contractors and agents. The undersigned further warrants that he or she is authorized to bind the applicant and has been duly authorized to sign this document.

(Applicant)

Signature

Printed/Typed Name

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF SEMINOLE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____ 20__, by _____ as _____ for _____: who is personally known to me or : who produced their Florida Driver's License as identification.

Notary Public
Print Name: _____
My Commission Expires: _____

Questions and Answers about 1.6 gpf Toilets

Q. What are ultra low-flush (ULF) toilets?

A. ULF toilets use only 1.6 gallons per flush (gpf) or less, compared to standard toilets that use 5-7 gpf or “water conserving” models using 3.5 if your toilet is more than 16 year’s old, it uses between 5-7 gpf. The older your toilet, the more water it probably uses. If your toilet was manufactured after 1980, it uses 3.5 gpf, unless it is a newer 1.6 gpf for less ULF toilet. Studies done at various places around the country show that toilets account for anywhere from 35-42 percent of all household water use.

Q. How much water can I save by switching to a ULF toilet?

A. A household of four people (each flushing four times per day) with a standard 5-gpf toilet would save 54.4 gallons per day or about 19,856 gallons per year. This would amount to an annual utility bill saving of \$112 to \$134, depending on where you live.

Q. What are the different types of 1.6 gallons per flush (gpf) toilets?

A. There are three basic types: gravity, pressure assisted and vacuum assisted.

Gravity –flush toilets use the same principles as other toilets that have been in use for decades. However, rim wash may come through an open slot rather than little holes, and the bowl may have steep sides and a narrower trapway. The design changes of these toilet bowl cause a quick release of water, creating a siphon action to pull waste out.

Pressure –assisted toilets use the water pressure in the line to increase velocity of water going to the bowl. Within the tank incoming water presses against a rubber diaphragm that compresses a pocket of air. The water is released when toilet is flushed.

Vacuum-assisted toilets use a vacuum force, which draws the water with more force into the bowl. Currently, these toilets are available from Briggs.

Q. How do I know which toilet performs the best?

A. Ask a plumber or a plumbing supply store for a recommendation on which model they have had the most satisfaction with. Also, before you make a purchase, make sure it can be replaced or returned if you are not happy with it after it is installed. Remember, the old adage is usually true-you get what you pay for. T=You may be asking for trouble if you buy a cheap import or no name model (usually under \$50) sold at building supply stores. Also, remember, to be eligible for the rebate, the toilet you select must be a 1.6 (gpf) or less ultra low-flush toilet.

Q. Do ULF toilets work as well as regular toilets?

A. Generally, yes. However, “as well” differs from person to person. Most of today’s 16 gpf toilets have been carefully engineered to clean the bowls and move waste using a small amount of water. But, as with any consumer product, some models work better than others, and it is always a good idea to do a little research before you buy anything. If an ultra low-flush toilet bears the “ANSI” seal of approval, it means it has passed a series of performance tests by the American National Standards Institute.

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A recent survey of residential ultra low-flush toilets users conducted by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power found that respondents were generally very satisfied with their ultra low-flush toilet performance. The study pointed out that there are significant differences in performance between brands and models as measured by the frequency that problems occurred.

Q. Why do I often hear that these toilets do not flush well?

A. One reason is that early models were poorly designed and some of these are still around. In addition, you can still buy models that perform poorly though you have to try hard now to find one from a major manufacturer. Shop for a toilet just like you would for any other appliance. With manufacturers continually updating and improving the performance of their models, many customers find that their new 1.6-gpf toilets actually flush better than their old high-volume models.

Q. How much does a ULF toilet cost?

A. Many models are available from \$75-\$200, and can run \$400 and higher for one-piece decorator models.

Q. Do more expensive models work better than base model from the same manufacturer?

A. Not usually. The basic white model probable performs as well as any other model from the same manufacturer.

Q. What else should I consider before buying a new toilet?

A. Some gravity 1.6 gpf toilets have standard tank parts that are easy to find and replace. Other 1.6 gpf gravity toilets and all the pressure-assisted and vacuum-assisted toilets have specialized parts that may be difficult or expensive to replace.

Q. How much will it cost to hire a plumber?

A. Plumbers generally charge \$50-\$90 to replace a toilet if there are no other problems. If you are going to hire a plumber, get a written estimate before the work begins. As with any work, it is better to get two or three estimates.

Q. Do I need a Plumbing Permit from the City to replace a toilet?

A. Yes. Whether you use a plumber or do it yourself, replacing a toilet requires a Plumbing Permit from the City of Sanford. Please contact the City of Sanford's Planning and Development Services Department at 407.688.5057 for assistance.