



OUR WATER SUPPLY

With Redwood City's FREE Toilet Replacement Program, Your New High-Efficiency Toilet is Here!

We'll replace your old water-wasting toilet with a brand new high-efficiency model — your choice of 'gravity' or 'pressure assist' — and even install it and take away

The City Council of Redwood City has approved an innovative water conservation program to help preserve our community's water supply and save you money!

You might wonder how much water savings we can accomplish just by replacing older toilets...



well, as it turns out, we estimate that Redwood City can save up to **100 million gallons of water every year**, when we reach our goal of replacing over 12,000 older toilets with new high-efficiency models.

Many homes in Redwood City are still using at least one older water-wasting toilet that may be using up to 5 or even 7 gallons per flush. When you compare that water usage to the latest 1.0 - 1.6-gallons-per-flush models the City is offering for free, it's easy to see that a lot of our precious water is literally going down the drain unnecessarily.

Redwood City's Toilet Replacement Program offers free replacement of old water-wasting toilets with high-efficiency models that utilize state-of-the-art technology, for single-family, multi-family, and commercial customers. Program participants can choose between a high-efficiency gravity-type toilet or a high-tech pressure assist model that delivers a more powerful flush.

How can I participate?

Redwood City's Toilet Replacement Program makes it simple to get rid of your old water-waster, and enjoy a brand new low flow toilet for free.

- 1) To qualify, you must be a Redwood City water customer and have an existing old toilet that uses 3.5 gallons per flush or more.
- 2) To get an application, call our Water Conservation Hotline at 780-7436 or go to **www.redwoodcity.org/conservation**
- 3) After we receive and qualify your application, the City's contractor will call to make an appointment at a time of your convenience.
- 4) A technician will come to your home, remove your old water-waster, and install your new free high-efficiency toilet.



That's it—you don't pay a dime, but you'll start saving water and money right away!

Both the gravity and pressure-assist models come in either round or elongated front. ADA models are available to meet the needs of disabled or elderly residents. You also get free water-efficient showerheads and faucet aerators to save even more water.



Mid-Summer Sprinkler System Tune-Up!

Now that your summer watering schedule has been underway for a couple of months, it's time to make sure your irrigation system is operating at peak efficiency. Follow these easy tips for a mid-season sprinkler system tune up—and keep this list handy for future tune-ups!

- ◆ Perform a visual inspection of the system, and then run each one of the watering stations.
- ◆ Repair or replace any broken or missing sprinkler heads.
- ◆ Clean or replace clogged nozzles, and clean each sprinkler' filter screen, if it has one.
- ◆ Make sure each sprinkler head pops-up all of the way and fully retracts when the water is turned off.
- ◆ Check to make sure the sprinkler heads are not blocked by grass, plants, or other obstacles. If the sprinkler head is blocked, remove the obstacle or move the sprinkler head.
- ◆ Make sure the sprinkler heads are vertical and flush with the soil grade. The soil should be tightly compacted around the sprinkler.
- ◆ Make sure all heads direct water to the landscape and not onto pavement, driveways, sidewalks, gutters, or the street.
- ◆ Check for proper pressure. Water will stream out of the sprinkler instead of forming a spray if the pressure is too low, or can mist excessively if it is too high. If the pressure is too high, install a pressure-reducing valve or reduce the water flow through the valve.



Save Water Inside Your

Everyone's enjoying another beautiful summer in Redwood City and spending lots of time outdoors. You know how to tune-up your sprinkler system, but don't forget that you can save water inside your



house year 'round! Just take a look at our Four Easy Steps for Water Conservation.



1. **Check** for plumbing leaks
2. **Measure** shower and faucet flow
3. **Replace** faucet aerators
4. **Determine** each toilet's gallons-per-flush

You can do it all with your FREE SMART HOME Water Conservation Kit by calling **780-7436** today!

Here's another tip: www.h2ouse.org is an excellent website by the California Urban Water Conservation Council with resources to help you save water, and money.

- ◆ Make sure your sprinkler controller clock is set for the proper day and time.
- ◆ Make a list of all the controller stations and where they water. Include the type of plant being watered and the types of sprinkler heads. Place that list in the controller box for future reference and troubleshooting.
- ◆ After you have completed your irrigation system tune-up, run each watering station again to make sure all the sprinkler heads are working properly and efficiently watering the correct landscape area. Once you do that, you'll know you're ready to keep your landscaping looking good and healthy for the rest of summer, while doing your part to maximize water efficiency!