



Our Water Supply

Helping Redwood City to be a WaterWise Community

High-Efficiency Toilets...

Do They Really Work?



The answer is... YES!

All models of toilets are now tested for their flushing performance level, and then rated and compared to industry standards. And Redwood City's **Toilet Replacement Program** has set a very high standard for the flushing performance of the toilets we provide for free, and of the models of toilets that qualify for a City rebate.

Here's how the performance of our free high-efficiency toilets compares:

- ◆ The industry standard flushing performance for a high-efficiency (1.6 gallons per flush) toilet is 250 grams of waste material. Redwood City's free high-efficiency toilets, however, are able to flush **more than 500 grams—that's better than twice the industry standard.**

Want more information on flushing performance? Then take a look at the **Maximum Performance (MaP) Study**, which independently tested all toilet models and ranked them according to their flushing performance. Go to www.redwoodcity.org/publicworks/water/MaP.pdf to view this study. You'll see that in Redwood City, high-efficiency is the only way to go!

Redwood City has already installed over 4,000 free high-efficiency toilets throughout the community— if yours is one of the many homes in Redwood City that still has an older water-wasting toilet, then this program is for you!

So don't wait! We make it simple to get rid of your old water-waster, and enjoy a brand new efficient toilet for free. Here's how to get yours:

- ◆ You must be a Redwood City water customer with an existing toilet that was built before 1992 and which uses 3.5 gallons or more per flush.
- ◆ Call 780-7436 or go to redwoodcity.org/conservation to request an application and we'll mail it to you promptly—just fill out the application and send it back.
- ◆ After your application is received and qualified, the City's contractor will call to make an appointment to install your new toilet.
- ◆ A technician will come to your home, remove your old water-waster for recycling, and install your new high-efficiency toilet—**all of the work and the new toilet are free!**

Are you planning to re-design or make improvements to your garden?

A world of ideas is just a mouse click away!

Redwood City has produced a **WaterWise Gardening CD-ROM** and it's yours just for the asking!

Free WaterWise Gardening CD-ROM!



Your WaterWise CD Features:

- Examples of water efficient and ornamental gardens right here in Redwood City, including those with decks, patios, trellises, gates, gazebos, fences, walkways, and more ways to enhance your water-wise garden.
- An extensive Plant Database where you can look up plants by type, size color or name, and view plant photos, and plant characteristics.
- A virtual encyclopedia of WaterWise gardening design, maintenance and irrigation to maximize your water use efficiency.

Your free CD is waiting for you! Call 780-7436 or go online to: redwoodcity.org/conservation to request your copy of Redwood City's new **WaterWise Gardening CD-ROM.**



How About a Rebate Up to \$200 When You Buy a New High-Efficiency Clothes Washer?

High-efficiency washing machines deliver excellent performance while reducing water use and energy consumption by up to 50% over conventional top-loading washers, and require less detergent. The average household can save up to 5,100 gallons of water and reduce their energy bill by \$78 per year.

Rebate forms are available at appliance stores in Redwood City and throughout the Peninsula area where high-efficiency washing machines are sold. Go to www.conservationrebates.com, or call the program administrator EGIA at 800-587-3442 for a list of washers that qualify. Do some research and check consumer literature to find the high-efficiency washer that's right for you, and take home a quality washer, with a great rebate. Visit www.redwoodcity.org/conservation for details!

Winter Irrigation Tips

Are you wasting water while it rains?



Winter is upon us, and Redwood City would like to offer you some winter water-saving ideas! **First and foremost**, remember that winter is the time to turn off irrigation systems so you can start saving water right away. But do keep an eye on plants under overhangs that may not receive rainwater, and hand-water these areas as needed throughout winter. And of course be sure to water turf if we hit a significant dry spell! For more tips, go to www.redwoodcity.org/conservation.

Your service club, neighborhood association, community organization, or other group can learn more about water conservation — Redwood City offers a **Water Conservation Speakers Bureau** that provides an informative and interesting presentation for your gathering. Call 780-7436 to schedule a speaker for your group.