



## Help the City save water with the **Low Flush Toilet Rebate Program**

Many homes are equipped with older toilets that require 13 or more litres per flush. New low flush toilets require only 6 litres per flush and dual flush toilets use either 3 or 6 litres.

By replacing your old toilet, you could use up to one-third less water! That could save more than 200 litres per day or 70,000 litres per year.

The City is offering a lifetime maximum of two (2) rebates per residential or commercial unit. Replacing toilets using 13 litres or more, with a CSA-approved new low flush model, will earn you a rebate. The rebate is \$60 for a low flush model (6 litres) and \$100 for a dual flush model (3/6 litres).

### **Why has the City initiated this program?**

The City wants to reduce both water consumption and flows into the sewage system. It costs money to treat the water coming in and out of your house. Using less water saves money in the long run and is better for the environment. By assisting the City save money, you will help keep water rates down.



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### **Who is eligible for the rebate?**

#### **Replacements**

This offer is only for Owners of buildings that are connected to both the City of Duncan water and sewer systems. There is a lifetime limit of two toilet rebates per residential or commercial unit.

Simple toilet replacements do not require a plumbing permit. However, if you are also renovating, you must apply for a building permit.

#### **New construction**

For new construction in the City of Duncan, low flush (6 litre) toilets are mandatory. However, the City is providing a \$40 rebate for those property owners who install Dual Flush toilets (3/6 litre) instead of the mandatory low flush models. There is no maximum for this incentive.

### **What about my old toilet?**

For a small fee, old toilets may be disposed of at Bing's Creek Transfer Station, 3900 Drinkwater Road or at Harper's Recycling, 3015 Boys Road. The City will be working towards a local solution for recycling (crushed and reused) the old toilets, at which point there will be changes to the disposal requirements.

### **How do I choose a good low flush toilet?**

There are many web sites and retailers to help you decide. The City is not in a position to recommend toilets.

Toilets may be installed by the resident or by a licensed plumber. Low-flush toilets install like any other toilet.

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### **What do I need to apply?**

1. Pick up an application form at City Hall, 200 Craig St. or download one at [www.duncan.ca](http://www.duncan.ca).
2. Provide a receipt dated after June 30, 2005 for the purchase of a CSA-approved low flush toilet.
3. Provide proof of installation of a low flush or dual flush toilet and proof that the old toilet has been removed and destroyed. This is achieved by three photographs:
  - a photograph of the old toilet in place
  - a photograph of the old toilet removed with the tank broken
  - a photograph of the new 6 litre toilet in place
4. You must agree to permit a representative of the City of Duncan access to inspect the installation.

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City staff will review your application and, if you qualify, mail you a cheque for \$60 per eligible low flush toilet and \$100 per eligible dual flush toilet (up to two toilets per residence).

Submission of an application does not guarantee a rebate, and the rebate program may be withdrawn at a future date.

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