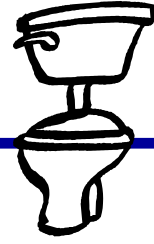


# City of San Marcos Flush-Smart Rebate Program



## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is a high-efficiency toilet?

A high-efficiency toilet (or HET) uses about 20% less water than a standard low-flow model. Standard low-flow toilets are designed to use about 1.6 gallons per flush, but many can be adjusted to use much more. HETs use only 1.28 gallons per flush or less!

### Which toilets qualify for this rebate?

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed a program called WaterSense to identify and promote water-efficient products. Any toilet that has received the EPA WaterSense certification qualifies for this program.

### Do HETs really work?

In order to be included on the EPA WaterSense list, toilets must pass standards for both water savings and flush performance. If they don't meet EPA flush standards, they don't get the WaterSense certification.

### How much water can I save?

It depends how old the toilet you are replacing is. Standard low-flow toilets manufactured after 1993 use about 1.6 gallons per flush. Toilets made before 1993 use about 3.5 gallons per flush. If you are replacing a pre-1993 toilet you can save up to 4,000 gallons per person per year. If you are replacing a post-1993 low-flow model, you can save about 550 gallons per person per year.

### How much do HETs cost?

Prices start around \$100 and go up to several hundred dollars. One-piece toilets and toilets that use alternative flush methods (pressure-assist or vacuum-assist) are generally more expensive than traditional gravity-type toilets.

### How much will I get back for the rebate?

For replacing a standard low-flow toilet with an HET, you will get a rebate of up to \$25 per toilet. For replacing a high-volume toilet (pre-1993) with an HET you will get a rebate of up to \$100 per toilet.

### Where can I find an EPA WaterSense labeled toilet?

Most plumbing retailers now carry EPA WaterSense toilets. For a current list of WaterSense toilets visit the EPA website at [www.epa.gov/owm/water-efficiency/](http://www.epa.gov/owm/water-efficiency/)

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