

Toilet Replacement: Selecting an Efficient Model

Toilet efficiency has progressed greatly since the Energy Policy Act of 1992 which outlawed the installation of toilets that used more than 1.6 gallons of water per flush. Today there are many suitable toilets that operate at 1.28, 1.1 gallons per flush (gpf), or even less.

Even with the 1.6 gpf, toilets use a tremendous amount of fresh water annually. During an MPower property assessment, we often test the leakiness of the toilets by placing a dye tablet in the toilet tank. A small leak could waste 30 gallons of water per day while a large “running toilet” could waste 500 gallons a day!

The following recommended toilets can save you thousands of dollars each year. What’s better is that many water utilities offer discounts or rebates. Be sure to check with your water supplier.

Recommended Floor Mount Toilets:

- Toto
 - Carlyle II
 - Drake
 - Ultramax II
 - Vespin
- Niagara
 - Stealth



Recommended Floor Mounted Lined Tank Toilets:

- American Standard
 - Champion Pro
- Gerber
 - Maxwell
 - Viper
- Chelini
 - Cabot
 - Marriot



Resources:

- Maximum Performance:
 - <http://www.map-testing.com>
- Portland Water Bureau Toilet Fact Sheet:
 - <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/water/article/520471>

