

! Did you Know...

Most Albertans believe that they use about 100 litres of water per day, but in reality, the average usage is a whopping 329 litres. A recent poll shows that 90% of Albertans are concerned about their water usage.

One of the easiest ways to reduce the amount of water you use is to replace water guzzling fixtures and appliances with low flow models. Another way is to make small water saving changes when doing everyday things like dishes, laundry, showering and watering your lawn - these simple changes can really go a long way.

\$ Bottom line...

It costs money to treat the water coming in and out of your house. Using less water per flush, laundry cycle, or dishwasher load will both conserve our valuable resource and save us all money in the long run.

The Water Conservation Rebate Program is brought to you by the City of Brooks and the Brooks Environmental Advisory Committee.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about how to improve the program, please contact us at the address/number listed below.

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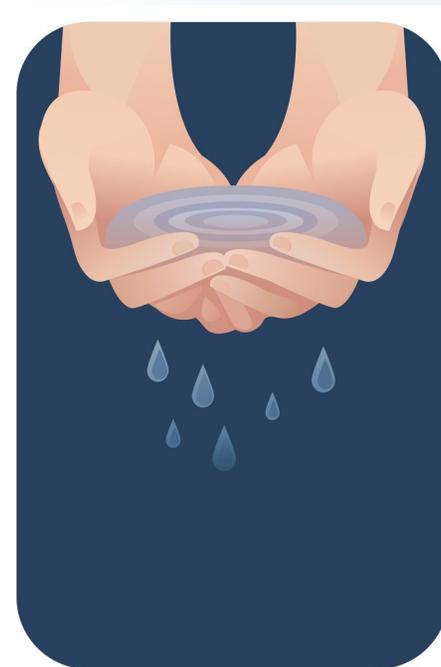


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Water Conservation Rebate Program





Are you flushing money down the drain?

Your old toilet, washing machine or dishwasher could earn you money! Thanks to the City of Brooks Water Conservation Rebate Program, you may be able to receive a rebate for replacing water-hungry appliances and fixtures.

The City of Brooks is now offering a rebate of \$50 for each toilet, washing machine and dishwasher replaced with a new ultra low flow/high efficiency model up to a maximum of three rebates per residential dwelling. The rebate will be applied to a City of Brooks Utility account and is only offered to City of Brooks residents.

The City of Brooks is committed to water conservation and the Water Conservation Rebate Program is one way the City is working to fulfill this commitment.

Preserving this valuable resource benefits our local economy and the environment. By offering credits to Brooks residents, individual in-home water usage may decrease by thousands of litres per year.



Your old appliances and fixtures may be costing you more than you realize! Did you know that a top loading washing machine uses 122 litres/load while an efficient front loading model only uses 49 litres/load? Homeowners can save \$150 in utility costs and save 33,000 litres of water per year by switching to a more efficient washing machine.



A toilet can also waste thousands of litres of water every year, flushing your money down the drain. If you change a 20L toilet to a 6L toilet, you will see a decrease of 14L per flush. Multiply this by four flushes per day with four people in the house, giving a total of over 200L or about 50 gallons of water saved each day. The total amount of water saved works out to over 81,000L per year! Switching out your old toilet will save you money and conserve water.

Hurry! There is a limited number of rebates available to residents.

In order to receive your rebate, residents must take the following to City Hall:

- ◆ A photo of their old, non-efficient appliance/fixture (rebates are for replacements only. As of 2005, all new constructions are required to install high efficiency fixtures);
- ◆ Original purchase receipt, which shows that the fixture was purchased at a local retailer; and
- ◆ Verification that the model meets eligibility requirements (owner's manual, packaging, etc.).

The following appliances/fixtures are eligible for a rebate and **MUST** be purchased from a local retailer:

- ◆ Toilets that use 6 litres per flush or less;
- ◆ Washing machines that use 49 litres per load or less; and/or
- ◆ Dishwashers that use 15 litres per load or less.

