

Austin Water Utility Conservation Programs

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WashWise Rebates – up to \$150 total

- All customers of wholesale districts qualify at least for \$100 water portion (other \$50 based on water heater type and energy provider)
- Some utilities give extra incentives – Rollingwood (we send info to them), Sunset Valley (separate applications)

Free Toilet Program

- Available to homes with toilets installed before 1996 (we use tax records and program database to verify)
- Now open to all wholesale customers
- Customers can get \$60 rebate if installed by licensed plumber (not required)
- 1.28 Niagara Ecologic toilet (flapperless), ADA available for small charge
- Great, low-maintenance toilet for multi-family properties

Toilet Rebate Program

- Great for customers with brand loyalty or who want special colors
- Rebate amounts range from \$50 incentives for upgrades or new construction to \$200 for replacing an old toilet with an HET
 - Replace pre-1996 toilet with HET: \$200
 - Replace pre-1996 toilet with 1.6 gallon toilet: \$75
 - Replace newer 1.6 toilet with HET: \$50
 - Install HET in new construction, bathroom addition: \$50
- Rebates up to \$175 for commercial flush-valve toilets

Rainwater Harvesting

- Wholesale customers purchase 75-gallon rainbarrels for \$60
- \$30 rebate for barrels purchased elsewhere
- Up to \$500 for systems over 300 gallons, based on size and cost

Irrigation System Evaluations

- Licensed irrigators evaluate system efficiency and schedule
- Rebates available for recommended repairs
- Evening & weekend appointments now available

Programs for Commercial customers

- Up to \$40,000 per project – everything from reducing water used in manufacturing processes to capturing A/C condensate for landscaping
- Rebates for dental dry vacuum pumps & removing commercial garbage disposals

Outdoor watering schedule

- Water use trends & peaks indicate a high-level of compliance, unexpected for this first year
- Currently being enforced within City limits
- Working with LCRA to promote same schedule region-wide, even if voluntary in some areas

Education & Assistance

- Staff available to speak to business or community groups
- WaterWise Electronic newsletter offers program updates & conservation tips