



## City of Rossland

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# WATER CONSERVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Council has adopted the following two Water Conservation Incentive Programs for Residential Single Family homes and Residential Strata Units in Rossland:

**WATER METERS**  
**LOW FLOW TOILETS**

The goal of this new policy is to assist single family residences and strata units to install water meters by **December 31, 2011** and to have older homes in Rossland convert to low flush toilets. This will allow residents to pay only for the water they use; promoting water conservation, and better tracking and measuring of water usage across the City.

Studies have shown that once meters are installed in a municipality water consumption can be expected to decrease from **10-15%**. This means that less water needs to be treated and less wastewater is sent to the regional wastewater treatment plant; saving tax money through decreased infrastructure costs. In addition, less water extracted from the streams in our watershed will ensure the long-term health of our environment. With the signing of the Climate Action Charter and with consideration of the Strategic Sustainability Plan and the Official Community Plan, Council has taken the initiative to implement this water conservation incentive program.

**TO FIND OUT IF YOU QUALIFY FOR A FREE WATER METER AND A \$50 REBATE ON A LOW FLUSH TOILET PLEASE READ THE BACK.**

# WATER METERS

- The City will provide one water meter, remote reader and wire to each single detached residence or strata unit in Rossland (as per definitions in City of Rossland Zoning Bylaw #1912).
- **New homes** receiving occupancy permit after the adoption of this policy are not eligible for the free water metering equipment as this is a bylaw requirement under the Water Service Bylaw.
- The City does not cover the cost of installing the meter.
- The home owner must install the meter and then **have it inspected** by the City within 6 months of receipt or the owner will be billed for the cost of the water meter, remote reader and wire.
- The remote reader unit must be installed in a location **physically accessible** to Public Works Staff during all seasons.
- Following the three year incentive program period, penalties will apply to properties that are not metered. This program does not apply to properties zoned commercial or multi-family.

# LOW FLOW TOILETS

- Owners of the following property types who are eligible for the **Provincial Home-owner Grant** may receive a rebate:
  - ✦ Single detached
  - ✦ Duplex
  - ✦ Multiple Family
  - ✦ Dwelling unit in conjunction with a commercial use
  - ✦ Applicant must provide proof of residency.
  - ✦ **\$50** rebate for **one** toilet per residence only.
  - ✦ Original receipt required.
  - ✦ Toilets must use **6 litres** or less of water per flush.
  - ✦ Rebates may be applied to the utility or property tax account or refunded in the form of a cheque.
  - ✦ New homes receiving occupancy permit after the adoption of this policy are not eligible for the toilet rebate.
  - ✦ Toilets purchased **before April 28, 2008** are not eligible for rebate.
  - ✦ The rebate will be available **until December 31, 2011**

# JUST A REMINDER....

As of **June 15th—Alternate day** watering restrictions will apply as per Bylaw # 2173