



# WATER TIPS

## CHANGES TO ALBUQUERQUE/BERNALILLO COUNTY REBATES

### REBATES

Mayor Chavez has set a goal of reducing Albuquerque's water usage by 40% by 2014.

To encourage water conservation, the water authority has been offering rebates for water-efficient toilets, washers, landscapes, rain barrels, hot water recirculation units, and sprinkler timers.

Through this program over 56,000 high water use toilets, 3,800 landscapes, and 10,000 washing machines have been replaced with low water use alternatives.

### RECENT CHANGES

The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority has increased the rebate value for replacing water-wasting toilets with water-conserving toilets. To encourage owners to change fixtures now rather than later, the rebate amounts will begin decreasing in 2008 and rebates will be completely phased out by 2010.

Toilet rebate schedule:

	Low Flow	High Efficiency
2006	\$125	\$175
2007	\$150	\$200
2008	\$125	\$200
2009	\$100	\$200
2010	none	none

Other available rebates:

Hot Water Recirculators	\$100
High Efficiency Washer	\$100
Xeriscape	\$0.60/sf
Rainwater Harvesting	\$1.20/sf

### COMING SOON

Albuquerque City Councilor Martin Heinrich will introduce a new ordinance that will require all plumbing fixtures to be retrofitted prior to transfer of ownership after 2010. This would apply to fixtures where water usage exceeds 1.6 gallons for a toilet, 1.0 gallons for a urinal, 2.5 gallons for a showerhead or 2.2 gallons for a faucet.

The ordinance is expected to include exemptions based on some ownership transfers or physical conditions.

For more information on water conservation rebates, visit <http://www.cabq.gov/waterconservation> or <http://www.abcwua.org/waterconservation/index.html>.

