



# WATER TIPS

## THE CLOCK IS TICKING ON WATER REBATES

### REBATES

Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority's generous water conservation rebates will begin decreasing at the end of 2007.

Take advantage of rebates on water-efficient toilets, hot water recirculation units, washers, rain barrels and other equipment to reduce landscape water use now.

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

### PHASED SCHEDULE

To encourage owners to change fixtures now rather than later, the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority rebate amounts will begin decreasing in 2008 and rebates will be completely phased out by 2010.

Toilet rebate schedule:

	Low Flow	High Efficiency
<b>2007</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$200</b>
2008	\$125	\$200
2009	\$100	\$200
2010	none	none

Other available rebates include:

Hot Water Recirculators	\$100
High Efficiency Washer	\$100
Rain Barrels (based on capacity)	\$25-150
Rain Sensors	\$25
Pressure Regulation Valve	\$25
PVB Backflow Prevention Valve	\$25
Multistream Rotor Heads	\$2/head
ABCWUA Irrigation Class	\$20

### DEADLINE

Albuquerque City Councilor Martin Heinrich introduced an ordinance that will require all plumbing fixtures to be retrofitted prior to transfer of property ownership after January 1, 2010. This will 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.

Penalties will be applied monthly until non-complying fixtures are retrofitted.

The ordinance includes exemptions based on some ownership transfers or physical conditions.

*Change outdated fixtures now to benefit from the rebates and finish required retrofits before the deadline. For more information on water conservation rebates, visit <http://www.cabq.gov/waterconservation> or <http://www.abcwua.org/waterconservation/index.html>.*

