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Toilet Fixture Replacement Programs

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- This presentation provides a broad overview of methods for implementing toilet replacements with utility customers
- If you have already engaged such programs, you may <u>not</u> find this presentation revealing or helpful

PROGRAM TYPES

- Distribution Program ("giveaway")
- Direct Installation Program
- Voucher Program
- Rebate Program

DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

- Water utility arranges for bulk purchase of toilet fixtures
- Free toilet fixture to the consumer
- Consumer self-installs
- Consumer returns with used toilet as "evidence" that new fixture was installed
- Used toilet recycled by recycling contractor
- Follow-up verification by water authority
 - Random sampling basis
 - Was fixture installed?
 - Was fixture installed at correct address?
 - Does the fixture perform to customer expectations?

DIRECT INSTALLATION PROGRAM

- <u>Water utility</u> arranges for purchase of the toilets
- <u>Free toilet fixture</u> to the consumer (eligible toilet models selected by water utility)
- Free toilet installation for the customer by a plumber
- Plumber delivers old fixture to recycler
- Minimal verification by water provider required
- Highest cost program, but assures a quality installation and highest customer satisfaction
 - BUT, what about guarantees, liabilities, installation problems?

VOUCHER PROGRAM

- Customers apply for and water utility issues vouchers for cash amount
- Customer selects & purchases their desired toilet model with the voucher
 - Vouchers redeemable by customer at participating retailers when the toilet is purchased
 - Customer pays the \$\$ difference between voucher & retail price
- Customer (or plumber) installs the toilet
- Requires 'marketing' of the program to retailers
- Requires retailer to await voucher reimbursement by water utility
- Requires follow-up verification by water utility (similar to a "giveaway" program)
 - Was fixture installed?
 - Was fixture installed at correct address?

REBATE PROGRAM

- Customer selects and purchases desired toilet fixture
- Customer applies to water utility for rebate & awaits payment or credit on water bill
- Customer (or plumber) installs toilet
- Requires follow-up verification by water utility (similar to a "giveaway" program)
 - Was fixture installed?
 - Was fixture installed at correct address?
- Easiest & lowest cost program to administer

Conclusions....

 Toilet fixture replacement a proven strategy for achieving long-term water use reduction

- A variety of program types are available
 - Programs can be 'mixed'
- Programs are <u>scalable</u>
- Water savings are <u>durable</u> (with the right products)
- <u>Some</u> programs are <u>cost-effective</u>
- Replacement programs create positive customer relations

Key Internet Resources

- WWW.MAP-TESTING.COM is the <u>best source</u> for independent, authoritative plumbing fixture-related water use data
- **OTHER VALUABLE RESOURCES...**
- www.allianceforwaterefficiency.org
- www.cuwcc.org/resource-center/resource-center.aspx
- www.epa.gov/watersense/ (WaterSense)



Thank you...

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