



MEMORANDUM

TO: Green Rental home Energy Efficiency Network
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SUBJECT: Summary of Residential Water Conservation Program Offerings at San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

Governor Brown approved [two water bills](#) on May 31, 2018 to set new indoor residential water use standards (**AB 1668**) and regional water use efficiency targets (**SB 606**) but neither bill provides incentives for water-saving building improvements. As a local water provider, the [San Francisco Public Utilities Commission \(SFPUC\)](#) offers a variety of programs and services that can help multifamily affordable housing property owners and low-income renters reduce water use and bills. SFPUC currently offers the following rebates, services and technical assistance for residential customers. For more information about the California Housing Partnership's sustainable housing initiatives, please contact Collin Tateishi: ctateishi@chpc.net.

Fixtures and Equipment

Free Devices

Multifamily residential properties over 10 dwelling units are eligible for free water-saving devices as part of the free Water-Wise Evaluation. Properties with less than 10 dwelling units may receive them during the evaluation or pick them up from SFPUC's Customer Service Center. Customers may schedule a visit by calling 415-551-4730. The following items are free while supplies last: kitchen and basin faucet aerators, water-efficient showerheads, toilet flappers, toilet fill valve, flow measurement bags, toilet tank dye tablets, pre-rinse spray valves, and garden spray nozzles. Visit the website for [more information](#).

Plumbing Fixture Replacement Program (PREP)

Updated August 3, 2018 – PREP targets the entire building by replacing old fixtures with water-efficient models for residential account holders. Properties must have existing toilets that use at least 3.5 gallons

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per flush and/or urinals that use more than 1.0 gallons per flush. Residential properties purchased after July 1, 2009 are not eligible. Visit the website for [more information](#).

Commercial High-Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebate

Multifamily account holders can use this program to replace commercial grade common area clothes washers with a high-efficiency model. It is not available to replace residential grade machines. Washers must have a water factor of 4.5 or below to receive a rebate up to \$500 per machine. Visit the website for [more information](#).

Rainwater Harvesting Program

Customers can receive rebates on pre-approved equipment: \$100 discount on a 50-gallon rain barrel or \$350 discount on a cistern that is up to 700 gallons. Visit the website for [more information](#).

Technical Assistance

Water-Wise Evaluation

Multifamily property owners and managers can receive a free evaluation to identify costly leaks and inefficient equipment. Visit the website for [more information](#). SFPUC's water efficiency technicians provide the following services during an evaluation:

- Review a property's water use and discuss reduction goals.
- Check indoor plumbing fixtures and water-using appliances for leaks and water efficiency.
- Provide and in some cases install free devices and materials.
- Inspect irrigated landscaping and provide tips for efficient outdoor water use.
- Provide information on water-saving rebates and incentives.
- Provide a customized report of the findings.

Water Use Calculator

The calculator estimates energy savings from a property's hot water use and identifies specific areas for improving water efficiency. Visit the website for [more information](#).

Landscapes

The SFPUC provides technical assistance and free plan review to assure new landscape and irrigation plans comply with the 2016 Water Efficiency Landscape Ordinance. Visit the website for [more information](#).