



# Village of Cremona

## Policy #1502-01

### Low Flow Toilet Utility Rebate Program

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#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Village of Cremona will offer a Utility Rebate Program to assist residents with homes built prior to 2008 in achieving a higher level of potable water conservation.

#### **PURPOSE**

To provide a utility rebate program for residents with homes built prior to 2008 for replacement of high flow toilets (6 or more litres) with a low flow or dual flush toilet.

It is estimated that as much as 30 percent of water consumed in the home is flushed down the toilet. Based on CMHC Household Guide to Water Efficiency, an average family replacing an older high flow toilet with a 6 litre model can achieve water savings of more than 12,000 litres per year.

#### **1. DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1 **CMHC means** Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.
- 1.2 **Dual Flush Toilet means** a toilet having an average water usage of no greater than 3/6 litres per flush.
- 1.3 **Low Flow Toilet means** a toilet having an average water usage of no greater than 6 litres per flush.
- 1.4 **MaP Score means** the number of grams of solid waste removed from a toilet with any single flush (*Maximum Performance*). CMHC's minimum suggested score is 350; however a higher grade will provide better functionality and more water savings, as Flushing more than once does not optimize water savings. The Village of Cremona recommends a minimum MaP score of 800 or better.
- 1.5 **Rebate means** a \$50.00 credit per toilet, with a maximum of one credit per account.
- 1.6 **Village means** the Village of Cremona.
- 1.7 **Utility Accounts means** the account held by any property owner that is connected to the Village of Cremona municipal water/wastewater system.

#### **2. GUIDELINES**

- 2.1 Rebates are credited to a Village of Cremona Utility account, which must be in good standing.
- 2.2 Properties eligible to participate in the Program must be on the Village's metered water system.
- 2.3 All rebates are subject to the availability of funds.

**3. RESPONSIBILITIES**

3.1 Village Council to:

- 3.1.1 Approve by resolution this policy and any amendments.
- 3.1.2 Consider the allocation of resources for successful implementation of this policy in the annual budget process.
- 3.1.3 Ensure all policies conform to the overall mission, goals and values as set out in the Village of Cremona Strategic Plan.

3.2 The Chief Administrative Officer:

- 3.2.1 Ensure implementation of this policy and approve procedures and any amendments thereto.
- 3.2.2 Ensure policy and procedure reviews occur and verify the implementation of policies and procedures.
- 3.2.3 Ensure the necessary budgetary items are brought forward for Council's considering during the annual budget process.
- 3.2.4 Ensure implementation of this policy and procedure.
- 3.2.5 Ensure that this policy is reviewed every three years.
- 3.2.6 Make recommendations to the Council of necessary policy or procedure amendments.
- 3.2.7 Ensure employees are aware of and adhere to this policy and procedure.

3.3 All Employees to:

- 3.3.1 Understand and adhere to this policy and procedure.

**4. EXCLUSIONS**

4.1 Properties ineligible for participation in this program:

- 4.1.1 Commercial – business properties
- 4.1.2 Institutional properties (schools, hospitals, seniors' lodges, etc.)

**5. END OF POLICY**

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# Village of Cremona

## Low Flow Toilet Utility Rebate Program Application Form

**A toilet can waste thousands of litres of water a year. If your toilet has a flush volume of 13 litres or more, switch to an eligible low flush toilet today and you could save up to \$100 off your annual water and sewer charges.**

### **Replace your Toilet and Save \$\$\$**

Replace your old, water guzzling toilet with an efficient dual flush toilet and you are eligible for a rebate of \$50.00. Replacing your high volume toilet could also save you over 1000 litres of water each month, putting money back into your pocket.

Your old toilet will qualify if it currently uses 13 L of water per flush (or more). There may be a stamp on the inside or rear of the tank that indicates the L per flush. If you can't find a stamp, calculate the *flush volume* by multiply length (cm) x width (cm) x water depth (cm) divided by 1000 = volume of flush in litres.

### **How Do Dual Flush Toilets Work?**

Dual flush toilets handle solid and liquid waste differently from standard style toilets, giving the user a choice of flushes. Dual flush models have a maximum of 6 L full flush for solids and a maximum of 4 L reduced flush for liquids.

Low flow toilets are designed to perform as reliably as any large volume toilet, but they use less than half the water.

### **How Do I Apply For This Rebate?**

Complete the application form and submit to the Village Office with your receipt that indicates a dual flush model. The rebate is available to Village of Cremona Utility Account holder residents only.

Rebates are processed on a first come first served basis and there will be a maximum of 20 applications processed per year and a limit of one rebate per household.

If you have any questions call the Village of Cremona Office at 403.637.3762.



## **APPLICATION FOR TOILET REBATE**

Mail or drop off this application and documentation to the Village of Cremona Office.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Property Address \_\_\_\_\_

### **Old Toilet Information**

Manufacturer – Model \_\_\_\_\_

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### **New Toilet Information**

Installed by  Plumber  Self

Purchased from: \_\_\_\_\_