

# DeKalb County Inefficient Plumbing Fixtures Replacement Plan

In 1992, the National Energy Policy Act (NEPA) required that, by 1994, all new residential toilets sold in the United States use no more than 1.6 gallons of water per flush. This law also required changes in bathroom and kitchen fixtures. Since then, low-flow plumbing fixtures including toilets, faucet aerators, and showerheads have been manufactured that save substantial amounts of water compared to conventional fixtures.

**As of June 1, 2008**, any residential properties built prior to 1993 in unincorporated DeKalb County must have low-flow toilet and plumbing fixtures installed upon

resale before the new homeowner can obtain water service from the County.

**This law goes into effect on January 1, 2009 for commercial properties upon resale. (revised 1/1/12).**

All low-flow plumbing fixtures must meet the appropriate American National Standards Institute (ANSI) guidelines and new homeowners must submit a certificate of compliance signed by a licensed home inspector or licensed plumber.

Penalties for violating the laws include a warning for the first offense, \$250 for the second offense, and \$500 for the third offense.

**To schedule a low-flow inspection by a Department of Watershed Management inspector, please call (770) 270-6243.**

[Click here for ordinance.](#)

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*Low-flow toilets use a maximum of 1.6 gallons of water per flush.*

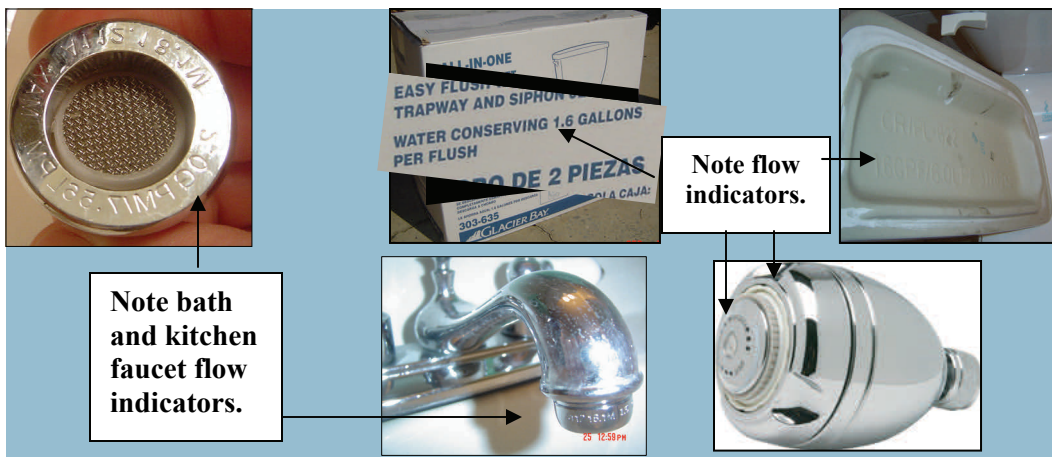


*Low-flow shower heads use approximately 2.5 gallons of water per minute.*



*Low-flow faucet aerators use approximately 2.2 gallons of water per minute. (revised 1/1/12)*

## Low-Flow Plumbing Fixture Examples



**Note bath and kitchen faucet flow indicators.**

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*Lavatory faucet (bathroom sink) 2.0 gallons of water per minute or Lavatory faucet replacement aerator.*