

Your Home

A Bathroom “Mini-makeover” Saves Water And Money

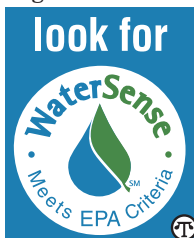
(NAPSA)—Did you know that bathrooms are the biggest water users in your home, accounting for more than half of all indoor water use? With household water utility bills on the rise—now averaging more than \$700 per year across the United States—there’s never been a better time to give your bathroom a “mini-makeover” that will save water and money.

If your bathroom fixtures come in retro colors like “Pepto” pink and avocado green—or were installed before 1994, when plumbing standards became more efficient—they could be sending money and water down the drain. Advances in plumbing technology and design have led to faucets, showers and toilets that use significantly less water while still delivering the rinse, spray and flushing power you need.

By replacing outdated bathroom fixtures with models that have earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) WaterSense label, you’ll save water and money without compromising quality. All WaterSense-labeled products are independently certified to meet stringent performance criteria while using at least 20 percent less water.

Giving your main bathroom a mini-makeover by installing a WaterSense-labeled toilet, faucet and showerhead can save your household more than \$80 on utility bills and 7,000 gallons of water per year—enough water to wash

six months’ worth of laundry. In addition to saving water, a mini-makeover saves energy by reducing the amount of water that



The sign of a water-efficient plumbing fixture.

needs to be heated—enough to power a refrigerator for two months. The combined savings in water and electric bills can be enough to pay for the new fixtures in as little as two years.

Even if you aren’t in the market for a full bathroom makeover, WaterSense-labeled plumbing fixtures are available in a wide variety of colors, models and prices, making it easy to find a toilet, faucet or showerhead for any budget or bathroom type, saving water for years to come. In the last five years alone, WaterSense-labeled products have helped American households save 125 billion gallons of water and \$2 billion in utility bills.

Ready to take the plunge? Besides looking for the WaterSense label on bathroom products, you can also join thousands of your neighbors by supporting the We’re for Water campaign. Visit www.epa.gov/watersense and take the “I’m for Water” pledge, or like WaterSense on Facebook (www.facebook.com/EPAwatersense).

For more information and tips, visit www.epa.gov/watersense.



Editor’s Note: In recognition of National Kitchen and Bath Month, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s WaterSense® program is encouraging homeowners to consider water-efficient bathroom “mini-makeovers” that save water, energy and money on utility bills—this October, and all year long.