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In May 2009, The Regional Municipality of York launched a highly successful mail-in toilet rebate program for single-family residences. The program uses the widely accepted *WaterSense* guidelines to ensure that all water-saving fixtures included in the rebate program pass the most stringent water efficiency and waste removal regulations. *WaterSense* guidelines provide residents with proven water-saving fixtures, saving up to 15 litres of water per flush!

Prior to purchase, please visit the *Water for Tomorrow* website (www.waterfortomorrow.ca) for information on eligible makes and models. Please note that fixtures NOT on the list are not eligible for rebate.

FREE Home and Garden Visits It Just Keeps on Growing ...

Sign up now for our complimentary Lawn and Garden Assessments to help personalize your garden design. *Water for Tomorrow's* knowledgeable advisors will visit your home and help identify ways to reduce water use while creating a beautiful landscape. Each visit is personalized; ask for general advice or specific questions about problem areas in your lawn and garden. If you are looking for garden design ideas, insect control or you just want a healthier lawn, we are here to help! This service is provided to residents of York Region. Register online at www.waterfortomorrow.ca or call 1-888-967-5426 for your appointment.

Water for Tomorrow's FREE 2010 spring garden seminar series is set to begin in March. Visit our website for more details and to register!



Rain Barrel Maintenance

More than 7,500 rain barrels have already been purchased by York Region residents at our rain barrel sales events. To keep your rain barrel in peak condition, follow the maintenance tips below:



This spring:

- Check that lids and hoses are properly placed and attached
- Ensure hardware is functioning properly and that water is being dispersed to the proper location
- Confirm the overflow hose is directing water at least six feet away from the building foundation
- Examine the screen for any holes or damage to prevent mosquitoes entering



Next fall:

- Disconnect downspouts from the rain barrel prior to the first hard freeze of the winter
- Return downspout systems to original set up or extend the system away from building foundations
- If storing outside, drain the rain barrel and turn it upside down to prevent freezing and cracking
- Store hoses and mesh screens indoors or in a garage

York Region will hold its annual rain barrel sales event on Saturday, May 29, 2010. Please visit www.waterfortomorrow.ca for event details including locations and price.



Got Leaks?

Small leaks can lead to big problems. Check your home for leaks in faucets, pipes and toilets. York Region offers free dye tablets to test your home toilets. Pick up your test kit at your local municipal office.

Visit www.waterfortomorrow.ca to find more tips and information about water efficiency and conservation, including new *Water for Tomorrow* programs starting in 2010.



We Want to Hear from You!

Do you have some water-saving tips you would like to share? Please email us your tips, your stories or pictures of your water efficient garden to info@waterfortomorrow.ca

