

For immediate release**April 20, 2010****2010 Rebate Programs**

The Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) has announced two water conservation rebate opportunities for residents, to help in achieving achieve a 27 percent reduction in water consumption by 2014.

Property owners who replace old, water-guzzling toilets in their residences built prior to September 2008 will be eligible for a \$75 rebate for installing high-efficiency (4.8 litre flush) or dual flush (usually three and six litre flush) CSA (Canadian Standards Association) approved toilets. There is a maximum of two toilet rebates per installation address. Therefore, residents that received a toilet rebate under the 2009 program are eligible for one additional rebate for a toilet replaced under the 2010 program. The available funding allocated this year will allow for the replacement of 1600 toilets.

The CVRD will honour rebate applications for toilets purchased under the 2009 pilot program, including six-litre/flush toilets, as long as the sales receipt for the new toilet, and the recycling receipt for the old toilet, are dated between August 15, 2009 and April 30, 2010. All unfunded 2009 applications must be submitted before June 1, 2010.

Residents will also be eligible for one rain barrel or cistern rebate under the 2010 program. A rebate of up to \$50 will apply to the purchase of a rain barrel or cistern between 150 and 499 litres, and up to a \$150 rebate for those equal to or greater than 500 litres.

The rebate programs apply to homes that are connected to the Comox Valley water system including the Town of Comox, City of Courtenay and the Arden, Comox Valley, England Road, Marsden/Camco, and Greaves Crescent water local service areas.

For full eligibility requirements including frequently asked questions about the rebate program visit www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/rebates. The first step will be to review all the 2009 applications that came in after last year's funding was exhausted and mail out cheques to those that qualify. The 2010 applications will be processed for those who qualify on a first come, first served basis while the funding lasts. The submission of an application will not guarantee a rebate.

The Comox Valley Regional District is a federation of three electoral areas and three municipalities providing sustainable services for residents and visitors to the area. The members of the regional district work collaboratively on services for the benefit of the diverse urban and rural areas of the Comox Valley.

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