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Specifications for Showerheads, Faucet Aerators, Replacement Toilet Flappers and Other Water-Using Equipment - New York City Department of Environmental Protection

This document is prepared as a set of recommendations for owners of residential properties, and particularly those which have or will be applying for the water/sewer rate established under the Conservation Program for Multiple Dwellings, aka the Multifamily Conservation Program.

Showerheads

Showerheads must be WaterSense-certified.

All of the major showerhead manufacturers produce models which can meet this specification.

There are several considerations in choosing a showerhead:

- § Seriously consider the option of a massager setting which most people prefer
- § People with mobility limitations benefit from hand-held showerheads, as will some people who might normally dislike water saving showerheads
- § If water pressure is a problem in some apartments, meaning it is less than 30 psi at the showerhead, products which are “pressure compensating” should be used.

Toilets

Toilets must be WaterSense-certified.

Water closets should be high-scoring models (over 350 grams) using the “MaP” performance testing protocol. The Map Final Report and any updates can be found at the California Urban Water Conservation Coalition web site www.cuwcc.org in the “Product News” “Technical Information” section. The toilet refill device, should be Fluidmaster’s “Leak Sentry” product or “HydroClean” from MJSI (www.gomjsi.com). Both of these devices will limit losses from toilet flapper leaks. Replacement toilet flappers should be specifically certified as chlorine-resistant with at least a five-year warranty.