

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **New Rebate Program for Local Homeowners**

**Abbotsford, April 20, 2010** – The Abbotsford/Mission Water and Sewer Commission (AMWSC) is offering up to \$200 in rebates to residents who think green when they look for new washing machines or undertake bathroom renovations.

“Toilets and appliances are the highest water users in our houses,” says Abbotsford Mayor George W. Peary, Chair of the AMWSC. “By offering these programs the Commission is hoping to reduce the amount of water consumed at homes and the costs associated with sewer and water use in both Abbotsford and Mission.”

Residents can get \$50 for each toilet they replace with an ultra-low flow model and \$100 for a new hi-efficiency washing machine. Households are limited to two toilets and one washer replacement per lifetime. There is a maximum of up to \$200 available per household with ultra-low flow toilet and hi-efficiency washing machine rebates.

“We want to encourage people to think green when they think about their home improvements,” adds Peary. “Getting cash back will assist, but saving the water should be the biggest motivator.”

Toilets alone account for about one-third of the water used in an average home. Rebates are available for all detached, single-family homes built prior to September 30, 2005 that receive water from the municipal water system (i.e. no residences serviced by private wells or residences within the Clearbrook Waterworks District).

Limited funding is available for these rebate programs and applicants will be treated on a first come first served basis until the funding is exhausted. The deadline for all applications is December 31, 2010.

Applicants will need to provide proof of purchase and fill out the corresponding rebate application forms available online at [www.abbotsford.ca/engineering](http://www.abbotsford.ca/engineering) and [www.mission.ca](http://www.mission.ca) or at Abbotsford and Mission City Hall, community recreation facilities and local hardware and appliance stores. For more information contact the Abbotsford Engineering Department at 604-864-5514 or the District of Mission at 604-820-3736.

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