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CASE STUDIES

The Towers at CCNY





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UCI – Verano Place Apartments & Campus Village



Irvine, California



500 Units





The University of California at Irvine (UCI) partnered with the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) and Niagara to create a water conservation program aimed at reducing water consumption in UCI's student housing properties. Through the installation of ultra-high-efficiency plumbing fixtures in two student housing locations, UCI was able to save nearly 22 million gallons of water in one year.

These measures helped the IRWD towards their goal of reducing per capita water use 20% by 2020.



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Harvard University

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In 2018, Harvard University teamed up with the Cambridge Water Department to focus on lowering water consumption within their University Student Housing program.

After identifying old and outdated toilets as a major utility expense and extreme waterabusers, they replaced them with ultra-high-efficiency fixtures. These toilets, paired with installation of UHET aerators and showerheads, led to 30%-50% reduction in each student housing building.

Harvard University Case Study Video

WATER USE & WATER USE REDUCTION

Universities face 100% of the cost to pay for water and wastewater treatment in student housing

Often, the expense of these utilities is unknown to the student who therefore has little reason to conserve

Many utilities are moving towards tiered rate structures—the more you use, the higher your billing rate goes



Indoor Water Consumption

Toilet flushing is the largest indoor water use

Toilet flushing frequency is, on average, 5.0 flushes per person per day

Toilets account for approximately half of the leaks from indoor household plumbing fixtures

Most commonly, toilet leaks come from flapperstyle technology



www.epa.gov/watersense/how-we-use-water



History of the Flush

 $\Delta\Delta\Delta\Delta$ FROM 1980-1992 **3.5 GPF** FROM 1992-94 **1.6 GPF** FROM 2006-07 **1.28 GPF** TODAY **0.8 GPF**

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There are more than 1,100 models of high-efficiency toilets (HETs) on the market today. New models have been introduced and the performance of HETs has improved dramatically. Today, HETs outperform their ultra-low-flow toilet (1.6 GPF) predecessors as well as the 3.5 GPF toilets that were installed in the 1980's.

Flush Rating Standards



Product Performance: WaterSense® Label

Voluntary partnership program sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

To earn the WaterSense label, products and services must:

- be independently certified, with measurable results
- use at least 20% less water must be 1.28 GPF or less
- save energy
- perform as well as or better than regular models

Since the program's launch in 2006, WaterSense has helped save 4.4 trillion gallons of water!







MaP™ Toilet Testing

MaP[™] is a Maximum Performance scale

MaP score = number of grams (g) of solid waste a toilet can remove completely from the fixture in a single flush

MaP PREMIUM labelled toilets:

- WaterSense certified
- flush with no more than 1.06 GPF
- MaP rating of at least 600g

This is more than 170% of current WaterSense requirement and 3 times normal demand upon a typical toilet







Rising Water Costs

- Across the U.S., residential water rates have steadily been increasing year over year, outpacing the rise in costs of both gasoline and grocery costs.
- It's expected they will continue to rise due to increasing water scarcity and infrastructure costs.
- Many municipalities have inefficient or outdated water infrastructures. The burden of processing and cleaning non-potable water is an expensive and time-consuming endeavor.

Exhibit: Utility Water & Wastewater Bills for 50 U.S. Cities, 2019



Source: Bluefield Research



Water-Saving Products

- With plumbing fixtures accounting for 2/3 of daily water use, reducing this consumption can make a huge difference.
- What can you do? Switching out old toilets, showerheads, and faucet aerators with ultra high efficiency fixtures can save thousands of gallons per year.





Indoor Water Use





Indoor Water Conservation Vs. Other Methods





Sources: San Diego County Water Authority: <u>www.sdcwa.org/seawater-desalination</u> Alliance for Water Efficiency's Water Conservation Tracking Tool



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Water-Saving Calculator

Saving more water means saving more money. Use our water calculator to see how much you can save simply by switching out your toilets, showerheads, and aerators to Niagara products.

GET STARTED

How effective, waterefficient, and reliable a toilet is depends on its:

- design
- flush volume (GPF)
- flushing technology



FLUSH TECHNOLOGY

Gravity-Fed Toilets

Pressure-Assist Toilets







Gravity-Fed Toilets With Flapper

Gravity-Assist Flapperless Toilet

Example: Tip bucket technology





Gravity-Assist Flapperless Toilet

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Vacuum-Assist Toilets

Example:

 inner chamber and patented air transfer tube create a powerful 0.8 GPF single flush or a 0.5/0.8 GPF dual flush

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THE ORIGINAL[™]

- 0.8 GPF Single Flush
- Patented Vacuum-Assist Stealth Technology™
- Unique Proprietary 400A Fluidmaster Valve
- Fully Glazed 2" Trapway
- 800g MaP Premium Rated
- Meets and exceeds IAPMO line carry standards
- One of the industry's largest footprints, great for retrofitting
- EZ Height for comfort Meets ADA Height Requirements
- Lifetime warranty on china and 15-year warranty on the parts





ROUND





IO" ROUG





10" only in

Inside the Tank

assisted flush.



NOISE-CANCELLING TANK Submerged fill valve cancels out the noise.

FLAPPERLESS No leaks, no running, no worries.

RIM WASH

360-degree rim wash for superior cleaning.

Inside the Bowl

TRAPWAY + WATER SURFACE

Pressurized air from the transfer tube is exerted into the trapway, forcing water in the bowl to rise creating a large water spot.



RIM JET Circular water motion cleans bowl with every flush.





NANO[®] Compact Elongated, Dual Flush

- 0.5/0.8 GPF Dual Flush (Average 0.6 GPF)
- Patented Stealth Vacuum-Assist Technology™
- Unique Proprietary 400A Fluidmaster Valve
- Fully Glazed 2" Trapway
- 600g MaP Premium Rated
- Meets and exceeds IAPMO line carry standards
- One of the industry's largest footprints, great for retrofitting
- EZ Height for comfort Meets ADA Height Requirements
- Compact Elongated Bowl offers comfortable seat in the same space as a round
- Lifetime warranty on china and 15-year warranty on the parts



















Guaranteed to work better... and waste nothing!



WaterSense, a partnership program by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by offering people a simple way to use less water with water-efficient products, new homes, and services.

To be WaterSense certified, a toilet must use 20% less water, flushing at 1.28 GPF or less.



LEED, or Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design, is a green building certification program that recognizes best-in-class building strategies and practices. To receive LEED certification, building projects satisfy prerequisites and earn points to achieve different levels of certification.



MaP, a maximum performance scale, has everything from toilet reviews and flush ratings, to water usage reports and efficiency grades. MaP is an industry-leading provider of the most current plumbing data.

MaP Premium toilets must be WaterSense Certified, flush with no more than 1.06 GPF and flush at least 600g of waste.



Building Performance: LEED®

LEED v4, Water Efficiency (WE) category

- **Intent:** Reduce a building's consumption of potable water and minimize indoor demand for water through water-efficient fixtures and fittings.
- **Main parts:** indoor water, outdoor irrigation water, and total building water metering
- All newly installed fittings and fixtures must be WaterSense labeled (or a local equivalent for projects outside the U.S.)
- LEED certified buildings must track water consumption and water delivery (volume and rate)



High-efficiency toilets may contribute to attaining LEED WE points in residential, multifamily, non-residential, and mixed-use building projects





Thank you for your time!

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Video Links

Stealth Single Flush Technology Video Harvard University Case Study Video



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