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](http://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](http://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.