

DeKalb County Inefficient Plumbing Fixtures Replacement Plan

As of June 1, 2008, any home built in DeKalb County before 1993 “must have low-flow toilet and plumbing fixtures installed before the new homeowner can obtain water from the county.” All low flow plumbing fixtures must meet the appropriate American National Standards Institute (ANSI) criterion and **new homeowners** must produce written proof from a home inspector, licensed plumber, or a Dekalb Department of Watershed Management inspector.

Single-family homes and condos must meet the following standards:

- Toilets can have a maximum of 1.6 gallons per flush
- Showerheads can put out a max of 2.5 gallons per minute
- Lavatory faucets can put out a maximum of 2.0 gallons per minute
- Kitchen faucets can put out a maximum of 2.2 gallons per minute

The law has four exemptions:

1. Homes sold via foreclosure
2. Homes sold to family members, specifically spouse-to-spouse and parents-to-children sales
3. Homes that will be demolished after the sale
4. Special circumstances where the cost of the toilet will be more than \$1,000 per toilet replacement.

Penalties for violating the laws include a warning for the first offense, \$250 for the second offense, and \$500 for the third offense.

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