The 2020 edition of the Water Usage Report Card highlights the Toilet Rebate Program and presents the latest information on water consumption, water rates, Manatee County watering restrictions, rain barrels, and the Cross Connection Control Program.

Toilet Rebate Program

Manatee County offers a $100 rebate to customers who replace their old toilet with a new high-efficiency model. The program was designed to reduce the amount of drinking water used for flushing. Toilets manufactured prior to 1995 normally use 3.5 gallons per flush or more, while new high-efficiency ones use 1.28 gallons per flush or less. New models can save as much as 9,636 gallons of water on average per year in your home.

Who is eligible to participate in the Toilet Rebate Program?

All participants must receive water from the Manatee County Utilities Department and possess an active water account. Customers who live in a master metered community must provide the name of the homeowner’s association on their application. Residents whose primary water bills are paid directly to the City of Bradenton, City of Palmetto, Town of Longboat Key or Sarasota County should check directly with their city or county if rebate program is available. Old toilets must be manufactured prior to 1995 (3.5 gallons per flush or more) and must be replaced with new EPA WaterSense labeled (1.28 gallons per flush) models.

How to participate?

- Take a picture of your old toilet prior to removal and a picture showing the year on the bottom of the lid of the old toilet tank. Old toilet(s) photos will have to submitted together with the application.
- Replace your old toilet(s) with a new EPA WaterSense labeled toilet(s) (1.28 gallons per flush or less).
- Save the lid(s) of the old tank(s) for physical verification.
- Take a picture of the new toilet(s) installed and an EPA WaterSense label. New toilet(s) photos will have to be submitted with the application.
- Submit an online application or download a printable version of the application.

Rebate limit is two toilets per property. Rebate amount is up to $100 per toilet.

Additional Links:
Online Toilet Rebate Application
Printable Toilet Rebate Application
Toilet and Outdoor Rebate Program Information

For more information check our website at www.mymanatee.org/water
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Manatee County Water Rates
The current water rates are shown below and are available on the Manatee County Utilities website. The rates for the higher usage tiers are established to discourage excessive use and/or waste of our highly treated potable water supply.

### Monthly Individual Meter Base Charge by Meter Size

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### Monthly Master Meter Base Charge per Unit

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### Monthly Rates Per 1,000 Gallons of Potable Water

#### Individual Residential Meters and Master Metered Single-Family Dwellings
- First 6,000 gallons: $2.28
- Next 9,000 gallons: $2.85
- Next 5,000 gallons: $6.84
- Over 20,000 gallons: $10.27

#### Master Metered Condos/Apartments, Mobile Homes and Travel Trailer Parks
- First 6,000 gallons: $2.28
- Next 9,000 gallons: $2.85
- Next 5,000 gallons: $6.84
- Over 20,000 gallons: $10.27

#### Irrigation Meter – 1” and Smaller
- First 5,000 gallons: $2.28
- Next 15,000 gallons: $6.84
- Over 20,000 gallons: $10.27

#### Irrigation Meter – 1 ½” and Larger
- First 5,000 gallons: $2.28
- Next 10,000 gallons: $2.85
- Next 15,000 gallons: $3.68
- Next 30,000 gallons: $5.66
- Next 40,000 gallons: $6.84
- Over 100,000 gallons: $10.27

#### Reclaimed Water Rates
- Individual metered residential, commercial and industrial: $0.89

#### Wastewater (Sewer) Quantity Charge*
- Individual metered residential, commercial and industrial: $5.03

*The Wastewater (Sewer) Quantity Charge is based on 100% of water usage, and the maximum monthly wastewater charge for residential individually metered customers is capped at 10,000 gallons of potable water consumption. This charge covers the cost of operating the wastewater collection system and variable costs at the three Wastewater Treatment Plants, such as chemicals and electricity.

For more information check our website at www.mymanatee.org/water
Watering Restrictions Information
In Manatee County, there are specific days and times when you may water your yard. The allowable days depend on whether you have an odd or even numbered address.

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Irrigation of existing lawns and landscaping shall be limited to once a day, two times per week. Irrigation is allowed only before 10:00 a.m. or after 4:00 p.m.

Restrictions apply to all potable (drinking) water and all irrigation waters that come from wells, surface water sources including retention ponds, rivers, lakes, etc. Violations of this directive carry fines up to $10,000 as provided for under Florida Statute §373.129(5).

For questions regarding watering restrictions, or to report watering violations, email water.saver@mymanatee.org or call 941-792-8811 extension 5327.

Cross Connection Control Program
Every customer who owns a backflow prevention assembly is required to have the assembly tested annually. Testing must be completed by a contractor registered with the Cross Connection Control office. The list of certified testers can be found on the Manatee County Utilities website.

Backflow preventers are required for homes build after July 20, 1987 if any of the following conditions are present:
- In-ground irrigation system;
- Secondary source of water, such as reclaimed water or well;
- Swimming pool;
- Flood zone designation;
- Property located near a body of water, including river, bay, lake or pond;
- Commercial, industrial, multistory or multifamily residential facility;
- Cross connection found.

If your home was build prior to July 20, 1987 and any condition(s) listed above is present, a backflow preventer(s) is required to be installed at the property by January 1, 2026, to ensure proper protection of the drinking water in compliance with Manatee County Code of Ordinances, Article X of Chapter 2-31.

For more information regarding your backflow prevention assembly, email water.saver@mymanatee.org or call 941-792-8811 extension 5267 or 5283.

Rain Barrels
Manatee County’s Rain Barrel Program is designed to help residents lower their utility bills and conserve water by using rain barrels to collect and store rainwater for irrigation.

Rain barrel kits are available at cost for $28.04 plus sales tax of 7% and include the following:
- A blue reconditioned 55-gallon plastic drum
- Debris drain, all necessary PVC fittings and a brass spigot
- Instructions for assembly and stand (if choosing to build one)

To purchase a rain barrel, please email utilitiescustomerservice@mymanatee.org or call (941) 792-8811