



# County of Santa Cruz

## Water Conservation Certification

All residential, commercial and industrial buildings within the unincorporated County area that are not served by a public water agency that administers a similar water conservation program, are required to be retrofitted with high efficiency plumbing fixtures when a property is sold. This form is to certify that all plumbing fixtures at the property meet the high efficiency standards.

**Important: The seller must file this completed form with the County of Santa Cruz Water Conservation Program before the property is sold.**

Please refer to the back of this form for instructions and information. For assistance, call the Environmental Health Water Conservation Program at (831)454-2022.

### 1. Property Location:

Street Address

City

Zip code

Assessor's Parcel No.

Water Provider or Well

### 2. Plumbing Fixtures

Toilets

Showerheads

Urinals

	Toilets	Showerheads	Urinals
Total number of fixtures at this property:			
Number of fixtures retrofitted:			
Number of fixtures exempt (e.g., existing 1.6 gal toilet):			

\_\_\_\_ Number of full baths    \_\_\_\_ Number of half baths

### 3. Exemptions

- Historic registry
- Already retrofitted with low flow fixtures
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Retrofit Verification

- Inspection by real estate agent or broker
- Inspection by licensed plumber or general contractor
- Inspection by a licensed home inspector

Verifier's Name (please print)

signature

Date

Telephone

Verifier's Business Name

License Number

- I am the property owner
- I am the real estate agent for the owner

Name (please print)

Signature

Date

Telephone

# Summary of the County of Santa Cruz Plumbing Fixture Retrofit Ordinance

## County Code Chapter 7.69

Effective July 2013, all residential commercial and industrial buildings in the unincorporated County area are required to be retrofitted completely, if not already conforming, with high efficiency plumbing fixtures at the time of sale of the property. Under the law, the seller of the property is responsible of the following:

1. Replacing any toilets, showerheads and urinals that don't meet the high efficiency standards.
2. Obtaining a Water Conservation Certificate from the County of Santa Cruz Water Conservation Program.
3. Disclosing retrofit requirements to the buyer of the property, before the property changes ownership.

Copies of the written disclosure form and the Water Conservation Certificate are to be included with documents transferring title to the property.

### High efficiency Plumbing Standards

Toilets	1.28 gallons per flush or less
Showerheads	2.0 gallons per minute or less
Urinals	.5 gallon per flush or less

### Option to Have Buyer Retrofit

An option in the ordinance allows the seller to transfer the retrofit responsibility to the buyer. Both parties must agree that the buyer assumes the responsibility. The buyer has ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the sale to complete the retrofit. The seller and buyer must fill out the Transfer of Responsibility to Retrofit Form and file with the County Water Conservation Program.

### Instructions to Seller

**Step 1** – Complete parts 1, 2 and 3 of this form. Have the buyer sign and date part 4.

**Step 2** – Hand deliver or mail the completed form to:

County of Santa Cruz  
Environmental Health Services  
Water Conservation Program  
701 Ocean Street Rm. 312, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

The form will be retained on file.

**Step 3** - Keep a copy of this form for your records. Give one copy to the buyer and one to your real estate agent to be included with documents transferring title to the property.

### Buyers signing the Transfer of Responsibility Form Agree to:

1. Make sure all the fixtures on the property meet the high efficiency plumbing standards listed above. This will involve replacing any older fixtures that don't comply. Note: the buyer is not responsible for retrofitting if the sale of the property is not completed.

### Failure to Retrofit

If it is determined that the retrofit was never completed by the buyer as agreed to in this form, a notice of violation will be recorded against the property by the County of Santa Cruz in accordance with procedures contained in the County Code Chapter 7.69.