MWRA & Member Communities Low-Flow Toilet Retrofit Rebate Project

MWRA has received a \$40,000 grant from MassDEP to conduct a Low-Flow Toilet Retrofit Rebate project with member water communities during CY2008. Communities are encouraged to purchase/install low-flow (1.6 gallon per flush or less) toilets or toilet flush valves in municipal buildings to replace less efficient toilets that use a larger water volume per flush. For each toilet retrofit, the community may be eligible to receive a \$100 rebate.

The \$40,000 grant is based on a maximum of 400 toilet rebates. The 44 eligible member water communities (listed below) are each allocated nine (9) \$100 rebates. Interested communities should contact MWRA by May 16, 2008 (see contact information below) to reserve rebates for their planned number/location of toilet retrofits. After May 16, 2008, previously allocated community rebates that are not yet reserved will be committed to other communities on a first come, first served basis.

Member communities may utilize the rebates for low-flow toilet retrofits in municipal/publicly-owned buildings. These may include city/town halls, DPWs, schools, libraries, housing authorities, etc. Member water communities will apply to MWRA for the \$100 rebates by submitting an information sheet, a copy of the purchase and/or installation receipt, and before/after photos to document the retrofit installation. The deadline to apply for rebate funding is November 28, 2008. A summary report will be prepared detailing the project results/lessons learned and will be shared with member communities.

Eligible Communities

Arlington Marlborough Bedford Medford **Belmont** Melrose Milton Boston Brookline Nahant Canton Needham Chelsea Newton Northborough Chicopee Dedham Norwood **Everett** Peabody Framingham Quincy Lexington Reading Lynnfield WD Revere Malden Saugus Marblehead Somerville

South Hadley FD #1
Southborough
Stoneham
Stoughton
Swampscott
Wakefield
Waltham
Watertown
Wellesley
Weston
Westwood
Wilbraham
Winchester
Winthrop
Woburn

Deadline to reserve allocated rebates is May 16, 2008

Interested communities should contact Elaine Donahue, Project Manager, MWRA Community Support Program at (617) 788-4824 or <u>Elaine.Donahue@mwra.state.ma.us</u>.