

# Waukesha recognizes National Drinking Water Week

WAUKESHA — During National Drinking Water Week, May 1 to May 7, Waukesha is reminding residents about water conservation rebates and the incentive program for businesses.

The Waukesha Water Utility encourages water conservation with \$100 WaterSense toilet rebates and \$25 WaterSense showerhead rebates. Residents who

replace their 1993 or older toilet with a 1.28 gpf (gallon per flush) WaterSense toilet, can save approximately 9,000-11,000 gallons of water per year. Replacing a 1992 or older showerhead can save approximately 2,900 gallons of water per year, and approximately 300 kwh of electricity annually, according to a news release.

The Utility also has \$20

rebates for rain barrels. A 50-60 gallon rain barrel, which connects to a downspout to capture rain water, can collect a surprising amount: 1/10th of an inch of rain falling on a 1,000 square foot rooftop can fill a 50-gallon barrel. That's 50 free gallons of chlorine-free water, which can be used for watering your flowers and plants, washing off your

boots, washing the car or bike, or any other outdoor activities.

In addition to the residential rebates, the Utility has an incentive program for businesses to replace equipment with new technology to save water. For organizations to be eligible for an incentive, a Water Conservation Incentive Application must be submitted to the Utility; and

businesses must receive approval for the project before new technology is ordered. Waukesha Water will assess the projects to determine if the project is eligible for an incentive.

For more information about the rebates and the incentive program, visit the Utility's website at [www.waukesha-water.com](http://www.waukesha-water.com) or call 262-521-5272.