



# City of Watsonville

## Water Conservation Certification

All residential, commercial and industrial buildings within the incorporated City of Watsonville area *and* unincorporated area that is served by the City of Watsonville's public water service which administers a 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 City of Watsonville before the property is sold.

Please refer below to the instructions and information. For assistance, call City of Watsonville Public Works Customer Service at 831.768.3133.

### 1. Property Location

Street Address	City	Zip code
Assessor's Parcel No.	Water Provider or Well	

### 2. Plumbing Fixtures

	Toilets	Showerheads	Urinals	Interior Faucets
Total number of fixtures at this property				
Number of fixtures retrofitted				
Number of fixtures exempt (e.g., 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

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Verifier's Name (please print)	Signature	Date	Telephone
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Verifier's Business Name	License Number
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I am the property owner  
 I am the real estate agent for the owner

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Name (please print) Signature	Date	Telephone
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**Summary of the City of Watsonville Plumbing Fixture Retrofit Compliance Process with California's State Mandated SB 407 and the Cal Green Plumbing Code in regards to water conservation:**

Effective January 2017, all residential commercial and industrial buildings in the incorporated City of Watsonville *and* unincorporated area that is served by the City of Watsonville's public water service 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 City of Watsonville.
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)
- Interior faucets: Kitchen aerators- 1.8 gallons per minute or less  
Bath aerators- 1.2 gallons per minute (or lower) for residential and  
0.5 gallons per minute (or less) for commercial

### **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 City of Watsonville.

### **Instructions to Seller**

**Step 1** – Complete parts 1, 2 and 3 of this form.

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

City of Watsonville  
Public Works and Utilities  
320 Harvest Drive  
Watsonville, CA. 95076

**Or email to:**

[customerservice@cityofwatsonville.org](mailto:customerservice@cityofwatsonville.org)

*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:**

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 City of Watsonville in accordance with procedures contained in the above stated process in compliance with California state mandated SB 407 and the residential and commercial Cal Green Plumbing Code.