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Free Conservation Kit, Rebates Offered by Washington Water Service

GIG HARBOR, Wash. — An increasing need for water conservation has intensified after Washington’s Department of Ecology declared a drought emergency for nearly the whole state in April. To help save water every day, Washington Water Service (Washington Water) is now offering customers a free conservation kit and rebates on water-efficient indoor appliances and outdoor fixtures. Washington residents can take these simple steps that will save water and, ultimately, help improve water supply resilience.

“Washington Water is here to help our customers save water every day,” said Matt Brown, General Manager. “By offering these new conservation resources, we are aiming to help our customers make those small changes that lead to big results.”

Washington Water customers can request a free conservation kit online at wawater.com/kit. Each kit includes items that can help the average family save thousands of gallons of water each month, including two high-efficiency showerheads. The kit also includes:

- Two high-efficiency bathroom faucet aerators
- One high-efficiency kitchen faucet aerator
- One garden hose nozzle with shutoff valve
- Toilet leak detection tablets

A leaky toilet is one of the most common indoor leaks and is also one of the easiest to identify. Using the leak detection tablets, customers can determine if their toilet is sending water down the drain between flushes.

Additionally, if it is time to update that toilet, Washington Water customers may be eligible for up to a \$50 rebate on an approved high-efficiency model. A toilet made before 1993 can use anywhere from 3.5 to 7 gallons of water per flush, while a modern, WaterSense-labeled toilet uses about one gallon per flush.

Older clothes washer models can be another water-wasting culprit. Customers could also be eligible for up to a \$150 rebate on an approved high-efficiency clothes washer.

Outside is another great opportunity to be water-wise. High-efficiency sprinkler nozzles apply water more slowly and uniformly, minimizing runoff. Customers can receive up to a \$5 rebate per upgraded nozzle. Better yet is switching to a smart irrigation controller, which can be programmed to water at specific times and automatically adjusts to weather conditions. Customers can receive up to a \$125 rebate on eligible smart controllers.

Washington Water also has commercial rebates available for toilets, urinals, and irrigation equipment. To learn more about all of these rebates, visit: wawater.com/rebates.

About Washington Water Service Washington Water Service provides high-quality,

reliable water utility service to 38,000 customer connections in Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, Pierce, King, San Juan, and Thurston counties, as well as wastewater service on Orcas Island. Washington Water's purpose is to enhance the quality of life for customers and communities. To do so, it invests responsibly in water and wastewater infrastructure, sustainability initiatives, and community well-being. The company's employees live by a set of strong core values and share a commitment to protecting the planet, caring for people, and operating with the utmost integrity. The utility has been named one of "America's Most Responsible Companies" and the "World's Most Trustworthy Companies" by *Newsweek* and a Great Place to Work®. More information is available at www.wawater.com.

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