

Tamworth Regional Council is offering a series of rebates for water-saving products installed in and around homes connected to the town water supply. To get this rebate on these products, customers need to meet Council requirements. Some of these requirements involve having a licensed plumber carry out certain work.

Listed below is some information to assist plumbers involved in Council's Water Saving Rebate Scheme.

Product	Advice	Important notes
<b>Water Tanks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be fully plumbed</li> <li>• Must be connected to the garden and toilet, and/or laundry</li> <li>• Must have a dual check-valve fitted on the property-side of the water meter</li> </ul>	Where pipework that is connected to the tank, is inter-connected with pipework that is connected to the Council's supply, a check-valve is required on the upstream-side of the Council supply – in accordance with the NSW Code of Practice (Plumbing and Drainage)
<b>Toilets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be completely replaced to include a 3-star dual-flush cistern and compatible bowl 6L/3L or better</li> </ul>	Bowls must be compatible with the new water-efficient cistern, because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Old bowls have a wider outlet</li> <li>• Less water from the cistern means less pressure that can't move solid waste.</li> <li>• People re-flush and end up using more water.</li> </ul>
<b>Proof of Water Efficiency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It will help people get their rebate more easily if you can provide proof of the product's water efficiency.</li> <li>• Water efficiency applies to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Showerheads</li> <li>• Dual flush toilets</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Please verify on your invoice that the product you have installed is considered water efficient by either the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-star rating (WELS)</li> <li>• Smart Approved Watermark</li> </ul>
<b>Audit and Retrofits</b>	People may ask you to carry out audits and retrofits. This is a full check of a property's water efficiency, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fitting tap-flow regulators</li> <li>• Inserting flush-arrestors on old cisterns</li> <li>• Repair of minor leaks</li> <li>• Replacement of old washers</li> <li>• Advice on water pressure</li> </ul>	

**Signing the Form: Please don't forget** to sign Council's rebate application form, confirming you have done their work, in accordance with the NSW Code of Practice (Plumbing and Drainage).

**For further information please contact:**

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