

Bathroom fittings must have water efficiency labels from July

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SINGAPORE: Come July 1, consumers will be able to tell how water efficient bathroom fittings are from the number of ticks found on labels affixed on them.

Products like taps, mixers, flushing cisterns and urinals with three ticks are those that use the least water. Those that use a lot of water will not get any tick.

According to Singapore's national water agency PUB, consumers opting for a three-tick over a one-tick dual-flush low-capacity flushing cistern (LCFC) can save about 2,600 litres of water annually.

In a typical Singapore household, about 16 per cent of its water consumption is for toilet flushing, while 22 per cent goes towards kitchen use. So selecting water-efficient models will enable consumers to use less water and reduce their utility bills, says PUB.

The Mandatory Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme is an extension of the Voluntary Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme introduced in October 2006. The voluntary scheme will continue for the labelling of showerheads and washing machines for clothes.

In addition, PUB says all taps and mixers, urinals and dual-flush LCFCs installed in all new developments and existing premises undergoing renovation must have at least a "one-tick" water efficiency rating.

And from July, LCFCs to be installed in all new developments and existing premises undergoing renovation have to be a dual-flush type. - CNA/ir



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