

Updated: 30th June 2009, 1600 hrs

Mandatory water efficiency labelling scheme starts from July 1 for bathroom fittings

From tomorrow, consumers will be able to tell how water efficient bathroom fittings such as taps, mixers, flushing cisterns and urinals are from the number of ticks found on labels affixed on them.

Products carrying three ticks are those that use the least water while those that use a lot of water will receive a zero 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 or LCFC can save about 2,600 litres of water a year.

A typical Singapore household uses about 16 per cent of its water consumption for toilet flushing, while 22 per cent goes towards kitchen use.

So, selecting water efficient models will enable them to use less water and reduce their utility bills, says PUB.

This 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.

LCFCs to be installed in all new developments and existing premises undergoing renovation have to be dual flush type from tomorrow.