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Gillespie Home Inspection Newsletter

Dear Kim,

Your feedback on our newsletter is always welcome. And please feel free to reuse any part of this text in marketing your business.

What is WaterSense? (Besides the obvious.)



Understanding the need to help use water more efficiently, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed a new program, "WaterSense". This program is designed to certify products that conserve the use of water. This is very similar to the EPA's EnergyStar program for energy efficiency criteria. Now there will be WaterSense labels on water efficient products.

Each American household uses an estimated 94,000 gallons of water per year. The biggest use of that is toilets - a whopping 26 percent of indoor water use. They are starting by issuing their first release of specifications on toilets. Only toilets that use less than 1.3 gallons per flush will meet the standards. For comparison purposes, a non-conserving toilet may use 3.6 gallons per flush. New water efficient toilets will have the same exterior look, but will be redesigned on the interior. Bathroom faucets are next on their list.

Residents of Santa Clara County are eligible for a rebate of up to \$125 for the replacement of old inefficient toilets that use 3.5 gallons per flush (gpf), or greater. The old toilet must be replaced with a high efficiency or dual flush toilet. For information about this rebate, go to www.heynoah.com.

For more details about the WaterSense program and to view the logo

you will see on the labels, click on the link below.

<http://www.epa.gov/watersense>

You might be hearing about this book...

Nolo is a well known name in offering legal information to the public. We've noticed that they have a new book out, "Nolo's Essential Guide to Buying Your First Home". You may be hearing about it from your clients. You may want to utilize the book. For information about this book, click on the link below.



<http://www.nolo.com/guide/firsthome.cfm>

Didja Know? We don't make recommendations, HOWEVER



We can help you find qualified repair technicians and other vendors. We are constantly asked for referrals for repair work but are prohibited from doing so by our ASHI Code of Ethics to which we subscribe. (But boy, do many of you try to bend our arms on this one!)

We have compiled a one page sheet on how to find quality help which is not always an easy task. Feel free to pass this on to your clients if they need the information. We'd also love your feedback on this list - if you'd like to contribute something, just let us know. You can access this list any time on our website or by clicking on the link below.

[Referrals and Recommendation List](#)

Just for Fun

The first person to respond with the correct answer to this trivia question will win a Barnes & Noble card. Send your answer to kim@gillespiehomeinspection.com.

(The winner of last month's trivia was Berenice Acevedo of Realty World. She correctly guessed that Joseph Swan was the inventor of the light bulb.)

The parachute was invented 100 years before the first airplane. Why?

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