Showerheads

BC Hydro
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Use this fact sheet to quickly reference BC Hydro rebates on showerheads

From **May 30, 2025 to August 22, 2025,** BC Hydro will be providing instant discounts on select water saving showerheads at participating retailers. The products that qualify for BC Hydro rebates are the most energy and water efficient models on the market to help customers save energy and money. Visit www.bchydro.com/deals on **May 30** for a complete list of eligible products.

Discount offer: Save **$10** on select WaterSense® certified showerheads

Eligible showerhead criteria:

- Must be an EPA WaterSense® certified product

- Flow rate of 1.8 GPM (gallons per minute) or less

- **Max 5 units per SKU** per customer transaction

- **Eligible products must be listed on BC Hydro's qualified product list.**

- Limited to products with retail prices between $20 to $100 per unit

Facts, Figures, and FAQs

1. Check the flow rate

The highest performing showerheads use 1.8 GPM (gallons per minute) of water or less. Low flow rates do not mean lower water pressure or shower force. Switching from a standard 2.5 GPM to a 1.8 GPM showerhead can save 27 litres of water per 10 minute shower.

2. Choose the flow type

There are two low-flow showerhead types to choose from: an aerating and a laminar-flow. An aerating showerhead creates a mist-like spray by mixing air with water while a laminar-flow showerhead has individual streams of water. Some showerheads may also provide multiple spray functions to adjust based on preference.

3. Consider a flow restrictor

Depending on whether a home is gas or electrically heated, the average B.C. household uses nearly $250 worth of electricity to keep hot water flowing. Flow restrictors save water by creating a flow barrier and decreasing the available space for the water flow to move through. Some showerheads may have a flow restrictor already installed or included with the unit.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information and details on BC Hydro rebates, see www.bchydro.com/deals

For more information about WaterSense® certified showerheads, see the Environmental Protection Agency's resources on WaterSense® showerheads or epa.gov/watersense/showerheads

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

1. **How does BC Hydro select discount-eligible products?**
   - The showerhead must be WaterSense® certified and have a flow rate of 1.8 GPM or less.

2. **What does the WaterSense® certification require for showerhead products?**
   - WaterSense® certified products must demonstrate a flow rate of no more than 2 GPM. They must meet performance requirements, including spray force to ensure adequate water pressure and proper spray distribution to ensure the shower stream has effective coverage.[1]

3. **Do all showerheads fit all showers?**
   - Showerheads in the United States and Canada have a universal thread size of ½-inch NPT, making them compatible with most shower arms.

4. **Will low flow impact my water pressure?**
   - A low flow rate does not mean lower water pressure or shower force. Low-flow, energy-efficient showerheads help reduce the amount of water you use, without sacrificing water pressure or your shower quality.

5. **When should I replace my showerhead?**
   - Remove, inspect, and clean your showerhead monthly to avoid and/or remove sediment build-up, bacteria, and mold.
   - Consider replacing your showerhead if it leaks or has significant sediment build-up, mold, or deterioration that cleaning and checking the valve can't address. Signs of deterioration include frequent fluctuations in water temperature and pressure.

6. **How do I replace a showerhead?**
   - Check out this video - DIY with Dave: How to install tap and shower aerators.

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[1] https://blog.constellation.com/2017/06/23/best-low-flow-shower-heads/