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**TO: Purchasing Authority Contacts (PACs)  
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**RE: New Water Appliances Regulations**



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The Department of General Services, Procurement Division is pleased to announce the publication of a new article regarding New Water Appliance Standards.

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. directed the first ever statewide mandatory water reduction in Executive Order B-29-15. Included in the executive order is the responsibility for the California Energy Commission to establish standards that improve the efficiency of water appliances, including toilets, urinals and faucets available for sale and installation in new and existing buildings.

Highlights include the following:

- Toilets shall not consume more than 1.28 gallons per flush.
- Wall mounted urinals shall not consume more than 0.125 gallons per flush.
- Residential lavatory faucets shall not exceed 1.2 gallons per minute flow rate.
- Kitchen faucets shall not exceed 1.8 gallons per minute flow rate and may have capability to increase to 2.2 gallons per minute momentarily for filling pots and pans.
- Public lavatory faucets shall not exceed 0.5 gallon per minute flow rate.

Therefore, departments purchasing water appliances, i.e. plumbing fixtures, to conserve water should seek the highest level of water conservation and should replace water appliances with those that are compliant with the new 2016 appliance efficiency standards. Products in the market place before January 2016 may not comply with this standard.

Effective January 1, 2016 older non-compliant stock regardless of manufacture date will NOT be allowed to be sold in California. For complete descriptions and information of the new requirements review the following link:

- [Appliance Efficiency Regulations](#)
- <http://www.energy.ca.gov/2015publications/CEC-400-2015-015/CEC-400-2015-015-CMF-marked.pdf>

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