



Today, WaterSense provided consumers with a new way to identify high-performance, water-efficient products for their homes with the release of a [final specification for bathroom sink faucets](#). Faucets that meet the specification will perform well while using about 30 percent less water than conventional models.

To earn the WaterSense label, faucets must be independently tested and certified by a [licensed certifying body](#) to meet EPA's water efficiency and performance criteria. WaterSense labeled faucets and aerators cannot flow at a rate of more than 1.5 gallons per minute (gpm), or less than 0.8 gpm, while maintaining adequate pressure. Working with stakeholders, EPA chose a rate that ensures both water savings and that the faucet flow rate will continue to meet the needs of the user.

Consumers can already find the [WaterSense label on more than 60 high-efficiency toilets](#). WaterSense labeled toilets use 20 percent less water than standard models and are independently tested and certified to perform as well as or better than conventional models. Working with EPA, retailers are starting to feature WaterSense labeled toilets in their plumbing sections, and bathroom sink faucets should be close behind in early 2008.

WaterSense labeled faucets not only save water, but they have the added benefit of saving energy used to treat, pump, and heat water. In fact, letting your faucet run for 5 minutes uses about as much energy as letting a 60-watt light bulb run for 14 hours.

WaterSense, an EPA partnership program launched in 2006, seeks to enhance the market for water-efficient products and services by building a national brand for water efficiency. If you have questions about joining WaterSense or labeling your product, please contact the WaterSense Helpline at (866) WTR-SENS (987-7367) or e-mail [watersense@epa.gov](mailto:watersense@epa.gov).