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**FARMERS BRANCH**  
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# Update on Rebate Programs

Sustainability Committee | July 10, 2024



# Existing Rebate Programs

- City funded programs
  - Two programs recommended by Sustainability Committee adopted in budget
    - Toilet Rebate: Began in January 2023
    - Irrigation Check-Up: Began in April 2024
  - \$20,000 total per year allocated to these programs
- External Programs
  - Oncor
  - Atmos
  - Dallas County

# Toilet Rebate

- Homes built before 1994 who install new WaterSense toilets
- Two toilets max per address: \$100 for first toilet, \$50 for second toilet
- As of May 31<sup>st</sup>
  - 69 participating homes
  - 88 toilets installed
  - \$7,800 in rebates given over life of program
  - Estimated Annual Savings
    - 734,610 gallons of water
    - \$7,128 estimated water and sewer savings for participants



# Irrigation Check-Up

- Residential homes
- Licensed irrigator must provide inspection
- One rebate per address every five years
- \$50 rebate per inspection
- As of May 31<sup>st</sup>
  - 5 participating homes (4 pending applications)
  - \$250 in rebates given over life of program
- Difficulty in calculating exact water savings
  - Metrics tracked include: Nozzles adjusted/replaced, controller reprogramming, pipes replaced, others



# External Rebate Programs

- Oncor
  - Energy efficient appliances
    - Air conditioners, smart thermostats, washers, dryers, and water heaters
  - Solar
  - Low-Income Weatherization program
  - Energy Saving Trees
- Atmos
  - High efficiency appliances
    - Furnaces, water heaters, dyers, and smart thermostats
- Dallas County
  - Low-Income Weatherization program



# Future Rebate Programs

- Inflation Reduction Act – Facilitated by Texas State Energy Conservation Office
  - Home Efficiency Rebates
    - Whole home retrofits
  - Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates
    - Energy efficient appliances
    - Targeted for low- or moderate-income households
- Texas to receive \$690 million dollars
- Estimated to begin in Summer 2025



# Other Suggested Rebate Programs

- Hot water circulating pumps
- Trees

# Discussion and Questions





# Web Links

- City water conservation
  - <https://www.farmersbranchtx.gov/1346/Water-Conservation-Rebate-Programs>
- Oncor
  - <https://www.oncor.com/takealoadofftexas/pages/residential>
- Atmos
  - <https://www.atmosenergy.com/ways-to-save/mid-tex-appliance-rebate-program/>
- Dallas County
  - <https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/human-services/wap.php>
- Inflation Reduction Act – Home Energy
  - <https://www.energy.gov/scep/home-energy-rebates-programs>