

Responsible Bathroom Water Conservation Tour flows into Bend Monday

**Saving 2 Billion Gallons of Water,
One Community at a Time**

Responsible Bathroom Tour Arrives in Salem to Highlight Water Conservation

Who: The public is invited.

What: The Responsible Bathroom Water Conservation Tour.

When: July 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Host: Consolidated Supply Company, 20625 Brinson Blvd, Bend

Bend, OR – Local water conservation is the most direct way to reduce water bills and cut energy costs while also managing a precious resource. To help raise awareness about water conservation and to offer practical solutions through water-saving bathroom fixtures, a national mobile marketing campaign will arrive in Bend on July 26th.

Water shortages are forecast to hit 36 states in the U.S., including Oregon, by 2013. Many communities already are experiencing a tighter water supply. The Responsible Bathroom Water Conservation Tour, sponsored by American Standard®, will show how an average four-person household can save 48,326 gallons of water a year using water-saving bathroom fixtures.

The tour has the goal of saving 2 billion gallons of water this year by replacing old or leaking bathroom fixtures with innovative, water-efficient plumbing products. The tour will visit over 300 plumbing wholesale locations by November in a 44-foot-long, walk-through mobile showroom. The public is welcome free of charge to walk through the mobile showroom.

Visitors to The Responsible Bathroom Water Conservation Tour will gain:

- **Financial calculations** of how much water and money consumers can save with efficient bathroom products. Retrofitting faucets, showerheads and toilets with low-flow options is one of the fastest and easiest ways for consumers and businesses to save significant amounts of water.

- **Water-saving tips** that benefit the environment. The Responsible Bathroom Tour is the latest in a series of initiatives by American Standard Brands to raise awareness of practical water conservation solutions through product innovations and increased consumer choice. In February, American Standard Brands announced a \$1 million, two-year partnership with The Nature Conservancy, the world's largest conservation organization, in support of its mission in the area of global freshwater conservation.

- **Hands-on demonstrations** of the newest water-saving showerheads, faucets, and toilets. Tour ambassadors aboard the mobile showroom will explain the latest products. User demonstrations will include a FloWise® showerhead, for instance, which uses up to 40% less water during a shower while its exclusive turbine technology delivers a robust spray.

“At American Standard, our goal is to educate consumers that conservation can and does begin at home. By developing water-efficient, low-consumption toilets, faucets and showerheads that actually work, we are providing consumers with real choice in creating responsible bathrooms without sacrifice in style or performance,” says Don Devine, American Standard president and chief executive officer.

The impact of water conservation measures adds up. In a 2009 statistic, Georgia officials

estimate that conservation measures such as replacing existing fixtures with low-flow models are 27 times cheaper than building new reservoirs. Imagine the impact if every consumer:

- Replaced an old faucet with a water-efficient model to save 8,000 gallons of water per year.
- Turned off the water while brushing teeth to conserve 24,000 gallons of water per year.
- Upgraded to a water saving showerhead to save 22,000 gallons of water per year.

Since bathrooms account for 75% of indoor water use, it is crucial to install water-saving plumbing fixtures in homes, schools and businesses. The American Standard objective is to reduce overall water consumption by more than 18 billion gallons through the installation of water-efficient American Standard toilets, showers and faucets. The Responsible Bathroom Tour aims to add 2 billion to the gallons saved in 2010.

By crisscrossing the United States with this novel tour, American Standard® is bringing water conservation information to the local level. To view the entire national tour itinerary, go to www.responsiblebathroomtour.com.

Many states and specific communities have begun their own initiatives and offer rebates on water efficient products. For details, visit www.responsiblebathroom.com and click on "Connection" and then "Water Saving Rebates." Also at www.responsiblebathroom.com, click on "Action" and then "Responsible Bathroom Sweepstakes" to enter a contest where points are earned for pledging water-conservation behaviors. The points can be redeemed for prizes including free products and a luxury eco-friendly vacation.

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Are you concerned about water conservation? You should be as water shortages will hit 36 states in the U.S. by 2013, including Oregon. Many communities are already experiencing water shortages, and this emerging topic will grow in importance with each passing year. At the same time, 78% of consumers are looking for ways to reduce their household utility bills, including water bills. Buying and building green saves money. Based on an average four-person household, using water-saving bathroom products could amount to an annual savings of \$293 in water costs and 48,326 gallons of water.

Learn more about simple ways to reduce household water use at The Responsible Bathroom Water Conservation Tour, sponsored by American Standard®. The Tour will bring its water-conservation message to Bend, hosted by Consolidated Supply Company at 20625 Brinson Blvd, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Responsible Bathroom Water Conservation Tour will feature both economic and ecological points in a 44-foot-long, walk-through mobile showroom and calculations of how much water

and money consumers can save with efficient bathroom products. Stop by and learn how you can make a difference, one drop at a time.