



**Effective April 13, 2007**

**Bernalillo County Water Conservation Requirements for  
All New Buildings  
Other than Single Family Residential**

1. High efficiency toilets in all bathrooms. (Toilets that Flush 1.3 gallons per flush or less including dual flush toilets that average 1.3 gallons per flush)
2. All new residential development including mobile home parks with two or more units shall have sub-metering for water service to all housing units.
3. All new development other than single family dwellings with a building footprint of 10,000 square feet or greater in shall use one of the following two alternatives to supply or supplement landscape irrigation.

**Alternative 1.** Install a gray water system in accordance with all applicable state and local regulations to meet a minimum 50% of the landscape water requirements.

**Alternative 2.** Use rainwater harvesting and/or low-impact development techniques such as but not limited to:

- a. Curb cuts or other methods to direct runoff from roadways, parking lots or other impermeable surfaces to landscaped areas;
- b. Approved cistern systems to collect rainwater from rooftops to be used on landscapes.

**Pond and Fountain Restrictions**

Ornamental ponds shall not exceed 500 square feet of surface area. Ornamental fountains shall not exceed 250 square feet of surface area. Multiple water features on the same property will be considered together to determine surface area. Flowing water used in fountains, waterfalls and similar features shall be re-circulated. Ponds and fountains shall be designed to be consistent with the requirements of all applicable local and state regulations.

**Planting Restrictions**

All properties other than parks, golf courses and athletic fields except for those zoned A-1 Agricultural with access to water provided through the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District or community acequia systems for irrigation purposes shall not be designed and constructed to use high water use turf or other restricted plants on more than 20% of the landscape area.