Low Flow Toilets… A Love, Hate Relationship

This will come as no surprise, but were you aware that most owners of new homes are unhappy with their low-flow toilets?Since 1992, when the U.S. government mandated the low-flows, we Americans have been subjected to considerably less flushing power…about half the water per flush than the old fashioned type. The newer units use about one and a half gallons of water versus the older ones that use about three and a half. It doesn't take a brain surgeon to figure out what will happen: half (or less)efficiency out of our new plumbing fixture.To be sure, technology is working to solve the problem but the issue remains: we are simply not getting the service out of our "thrones" like we once did.Among the issues are that multiple flushes are needed to dispense of the same amount of waste, clogging problems, and additional maintenance. Also, they have been reported to overflow more easily.Some of the above issues completely work against the issue of saving water. After all, if you have to flush 2 or more times, how does that save water. Beyond that, though, clogging and overflow problems result in potentially catastrophic ***website*** expenses when flooring needs to be replaced due to an overflowing toilet.A recent survey of new home builders and remodelers has shown that they, like homeowners, are frustrated with this new plumbing restriction. They have reported huge increases on service calls from unhappy customers.Water saving techniques and technologies are certainly a good thing. And, one thing is for sure: they are here to stay. In fact, a home with low-flow toilets and low-flow shower heads can save thousands of gallons per year. And, who would not appreciate the savings in water bills? Let's just hope that the plumbing technology continues to get better.After all, to be king of your household, you need an efficient and affordable throne!

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