Tips for using double flush toilets

You must use double flush toilets correctly in order to save water. There are many different designs of buttons and levers for double flush toilets so it can be confusing to know which button to use after toilet use.

**Tip #1:** Look at the size of the buttons (Small button is for small flush, large button is for large flush)

**Tip #2:** Look at the images on the buttons (for example, a single rain drop is for small flush, several rain drops are for large flush)

**Tip #3:** Some single flush toilets allow you to control the size of the flush by the amount of time you press down or pull up the button. Test a single flush toilet by quickly pressing or pulling the button to find out if it has this capacity.

**Tip #4:** Please visit our website to find out more information about double flush toilets. Before each use of a restroom in a new place, pay attention to the buttons and make sure you use double flush toilets correctly. Your flush can save water and help rehabilitate the Jordan River.

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Jordan River Rehabilitation Project

In 2008, EcoPeace/Friends of the Earth Middle East (FoEME) commenced a study on the rehabilitation of the Lower Jordan River. The study identified the amount of water needed to return the flow of the Lower Jordan River to the sustainable level and the possible water saving alternatives in the national economies of the riparian countries. If implemented, the proposed water saving options will reduce the pressure on the water resources of the Lower Jordan River basin, thus aiding the rehabilitation of the river. One of the alternatives identified in the domestic sector of Jordan is use of double flush toilets.

What are double flush toilets?

Also called “dual flush,” double flush toilets are equipped with a lever or set of buttons that allows users to choose between two water settings.

A larger flush, designed for solid waste
A smaller flush, designed for liquid waste

Why should I use a double flush toilet?

A regular flush toilet can only make one flush, usually with a volume of about 9L. This is more than is necessary for most toilet uses. Double flush toilets typically use 3-4.5L for a small flush and 6-9L for a large flush. By using a smaller flush when possible, double flush toilets generate water savings.

A double flush toilet can save 20,000 L of water each year compared to a single flush toilet. That is enough water to fill ten water tanks for ten families in Jordan.

Is it hard to install a double flush toilet?

Double flush toilets can be easily installed in existing as well as new homes because they do not require any additional pipes. You can purchase a new double flush toilet or use a retrofitting device to turn your existing toilet into a double flush toilet. Contact your plumber to find out more information about what option is best for your home.