

Saves Water...but Does it Save Money?

There was a recent article in the Huffington Post (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/laurie-david-and-allen-hershkowitz-phd/waterless-urinals-a-breat_b_173284.html) about ways to conserve water and save money as well.

They mentioned that the Staples Center in Los Angeles, a large sports and entertainment facility, has converted 176 water-using urinals to waterless urinals. They are saving an estimated 7 million gallons of water per year, which translates into more than \$2,350 in savings per month.

These urinals were replaced through a grant provided by the LA Department of Power and Water, another savings. Many cities now offer similar programs or tax credits.



One caveat: when it comes to saving water, all no-water urinals can help significantly, but the buyer must beware: but not all no-water urinals cost the same to operate.

With some, the trap or cylinder needed can be quite costly, wiping out all potential savings. What's worse, many of these same cylinders have a limited lifespan.

Others trap systems are far less expensive and last longer. Managers wanting to cut costs must do their homework and ask questions before making a final waterless urinal selection.

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