

Innovative Plumbing Products Leading the Way for Water Efficiency

The Plumbing Manufacturers Institute (PMI) has long advocated the importance of both water conservation and waste reduction. With over half of all indoor residential water use taking place in bathrooms and kitchens, improved water efficiency in plumbing products is central to our nation's water conservation efforts.

Our member companies strive to provide customers with the most advanced water efficient plumbing products available. The rigors of the competitive marketplace also drive enhanced performance and efficiency of plumbing products.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) expects 36 states to experience a water shortage by 2013. Conserving water use isn't just politically green; it saves taxpayer dollars. With water and sewer infrastructure costs running millions of dollars each year, communities can rely on the steady water savings that are derived from products that use less water.

Even where water is not scarce, efficient plumbing products help consumers and communities reduce the strain on their aging infrastructures. Consumers save on energy, water and wastewater costs; communities save on their infrastructure needs. Conservation goals are met, and environmental quality is further safeguarded - all at no additional cost.

PMI maintains that regulatory stability within the federal law is vital to continued advances in plumbing efficiency. It encourages manufacturers to bring new efficient and improved products to a national market, rather than retrofitting product design and production to meet changing and diverse new mandates at federal, state and local levels.

At PMI we understand that consumers and our nation depend on the availability of efficient, water conserving plumbing products at a reasonable price. When the national market is fragmented by a myriad of state and local demands, plumbing manufacturers must create and maintain multiple production lines in order to comply and to keep various metal alloys entirely separate. The cost of separate equipment and personnel directly threatens affordable consumer pricing. PMI urges lawmakers to support stable federal standards – not an ever changing diverse patchwork of laws.

Plumbing Manufacturers Institute (PMI) Members:

- Represent 95% of all US-based plumbing manufacturers
- Design and produce water-conserving products for residential and commercial settings
- Operate manufacturing facilities and employ workers in over 25 states
- Utilize state-of-the-art casting, forging, machining and finishing technology to create plumbing products
- Lead the industry in sustainable practices
- Partner in key environmental initiatives

Plumbing Products Produced by PMI Members include:

- Showers
- Faucets & Sinks
- Fixtures
- Flushing Devices
- Showerhead & Hand Showers
- Urinals
- Bathtubs
- Bidets
- Potable water supply system components
- Waste fixture fittings
- Sanitary drainage system components
- Waste disposal systems

PMI Green Programs

PMI and its member companies are committed to protecting the future of our national and local water supply through our water-efficient plumbing products and practices. Our mission statement embraces the following principles:

- To promote the water efficiency, health, safety, quality and environmental sustainability of plumbing products while maximizing consumer choice and value in a fair and open marketplace;
- To provide a forum for the exchange of information and industry education;
- To represent openly the members' interests and advocate for sound environmental and public health policies in the regulatory/legislative processes; and,
- To enhance the plumbing industry's growth and expansion.



PMI proudly participates as a partner with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) WaterSense® Program to bring to market water-efficient plumbing products and promote the use of WaterSense® labeled products and programs.

The majority of our member companies produce products that display the WaterSense® label. These products have been consumer tested and reduce water consumption by up to 30%. EPA estimates that if every household had WaterSense® products, our nation would save 3 trillion gallons of water and over \$17 billion annually. PMI's partnership with the EPA's WaterSense® label Program reinforces our members' commitment to producing environmentally sustainable products.

Safe Plumbing PMI has developed and maintains a consumer-focused website, www.safeplumbing.org, featuring important facts and guidance on clean water, water efficiency, and health and safety in plumbing fixtures and systems. We invite you to learn more about our industry, our commitment and our principles by accessing this website.

ABOUT PMI

The Plumbing Manufacturers Institute (PMI) is the not-for-profit trade association of plumbing products manufacturers serving as the Voice of the Plumbing Industry. Member-companies produce the majority of the nation's plumbing products. PMI helps to develop and maintain standards and codes, and works closely with government agencies at all levels-federal, state and local.



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