



## Online training, Canadian expansion and more workshops...

Starting in December, GreenPlumbers workshops will be available no matter where you are. Online courses, accessed through the website at [www.greenplumber-susa.com](http://www.greenplumber-susa.com), will offer the freedom of becoming accredited on your own schedule.

GreenPlumbers is growing! We are excited to announce that GreenPlumbersUSA may soon be more accurately known as GreenPlumbers North America. Recent exploratory meetings in Toronto and Ottawa with manufacturers, industry representatives and Environment Canada have been met with enthusiasm. Look for planned workshops soon.

New website features! We have a new feature on our website for plumbers to check their GreenPlumber certification via the List of Accredited GreenPlumbers.

If you have attended a workshop, you can use this list to verify your certification status to consumers. Later this month, we will be launching the largest online database of water and energy rebates available to consumers. You will be able to find these plumbing and heating related rebates in your area based on the zip code you provide. Create an account on our website to take advantage of member-only benefits, such as faster workshop registration, first to be notified when online training becomes available, and invitations to member-only workshops.

Reminder: Beginning October 15, GreenPlumbers will change its fee schedule to \$175 per workshop. We've been swamped with requests for workshops, and this training expansion will allow us to schedule them more often, and in more places, than ever before.

## Nine no-fee classes in September ...

GreenPlumbers USA is pleased to announce that nine no-fee workshops have been scheduled for the month of September. In September, we will be coming to New Mexico for the first time, and will also be holding workshops in California, Florida, Illinois, and Arizona.

## ... or take all five in Las Vegas!

We also want to remind you, if you haven't already signed up, that all five workshops will be held in Las Vegas during the week of October 7-10 as part of the WaterSmart Innovations convention. The convention gives plumbers the opportunity to become a fully Accredited GreenPlumber in just one week! For more information about the convention and discounted accommodations, go to: [www.greenplumbersusa.com/convention](http://www.greenplumbersusa.com/convention)

## Industry News

### Los Angeles mayor signs water use ordinance

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa has signed into law an ordinance that imposes water restrictions on restaurants and hotels. The law prohibits restaurants from serving water unless requested by customers, and requires hotels and motels to give guests the option of re-using towels and linens. The Department of Water and Power (DWP) has distributed placards to 4,200 restaurants and 900 hotels to explain the restrictions to customers.

Under the ordinance, which also limits how and when Angelenos can use water outdoors, residents are prohibited from watering their lawns between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., and from watering more than 15 minutes per day. Residents are also prohibited from using a hose to wash off paved surfaces and must use a hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle when washing their cars. "It is a blunt recognition that we face a water shortage in this city, and it is a visionary road map as to how we are going to provide for water supplies here in the city," said DWP General Manager David Nahai. "The water conservation ordinance aims to heighten awareness and it aims to change behavior."

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a statewide drought on June 4. If the water situation worsens in the city of Los Angeles, the DWP could limit outdoor watering to Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

The restrictions and conservation measures are part of the 20-year conservation plan announced in May by Villaraigosa and Nahai.

# SPOTLIGHT

## Doug Kirk



**G**reenPlumbers instructor Doug Kirk is a second generation plumber with almost 40 years in the trade. After 6 years working as a service and repair plumber, he started his own business in 1975 adding new construction plumbing. In 1980 he began teaching the San Diego Community College ROP Plumber Training Classes, writing the training material for Metro and East County classes. He was credentialed in 1982 (California Community Colleges Limited Lifetime Service Credential). He joined the Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors Association the same year, progressing through the local leadership and was president twice.

In 1984 Kirk saw the opening of a plumbing store in El Cajon, CA which began his ongoing involvement with the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, writers of the Uniform Plumbing Code. In 1988 his firm won 1st place in a nationwide plumbing marketing challenge and was again recognized from 1991 through 1993 as one of the top 100 firms in the US.

In 1993 Kirk chaired a sub-committee for the CAPHCC Plumber Certification program, writing most of the exam materials based in the UPC and developing the class preparation materials for other instructors. The materials are updated every three years.

With wide ranging plumbing experience and over 6,800 actual classroom hours, he is uniquely qualified to bring the GreenPlumbers message to the trade.

## Caroma: A first-rate efficiency expert becomes a GreenPlumbers premier partner

**A** quality provider of innovative products, Caroma's motto is, "Conservation With Style."

GreenPlumbers is excited to welcome Caroma, a longtime Australian partner, as a premier partner here in the U.S.

Caroma was founded in 1941 in Australia, and has since become a worldwide leader in smart, reliable, high-quality bathroom products. Their 'green' sensibility makes them a perfect match for GreenPlumbers.

"Protecting the environment is critical for the sustainability of our natural resources, and preserving water, the most valuable resource, is a growing concern," said Derek Kirkpatrick, Caroma North America manager. "Caroma is pleased to partner with GreenPlumbers to promote water conservation and water saving technologies.

Caroma is the world leader in innovative, high efficiency toilets with leading edge Caroma Smart™ technology. The stylish and water-conserving 1.6/0.8 gallon per flush toilets can save nearly 30,000 gallons of water per

year for a family of four. Our partnership with GreenPlumbers helps us spread the word that water conservation is easy with just the touch of a button."

Caroma now has 36 models in the EPA's WaterSense program – the most of any brand in North America. All of Caroma's 36 WaterSense-approved models are dual flush fixtures, the only type Caroma manufactures. The list includes Caroma's latest model, the Sydney Smart, which offers the lowest water consumption of any toilet now available in North America. Sydney Smart flush volumes - 0.8 and 1.28 gallons - set a new benchmark for water conservation in North America.

Caroma's philosophy is that environmentally-responsible bathroom products can be both highly functional and aesthetically beautiful.

For more information, visit [www.caromausa.com](http://www.caromausa.com).

## In his own words

GreenPlumbers class attendee spreads the enthusiasm

with an impromptu poem

GreenPlumbers is the new school  
That trains Plumbers along the way  
Teaching them how to conserve water  
And how water can affect our life,  
every coming day

Living conditions in our life are  
changing  
Our water condition is changing too  
This is why GreenPlumbers has a  
training program  
To help people like me and you

Let us not take for granted  
Our global conditions are demanding  
change  
GreenPlumbers are teaching new  
technology  
How our water condition can be  
sustained

So, at the closing of the day  
GreenPlumbers wants you to know  
Water Conservation is a problem  
No matter where in the world we go

– a poem by Thomas Barnett Sr.  
Plumber/Poet  
Columbus, Ohio



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For more information about the GreenPlumbers program, call us at (888) 929-6207.