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## Low-flow toilets that actually do the job

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Judging from reader e-mail, this review of low-flow toilets is the most anticipated premiere since Star Wars: Episode I (and, by coincidence, both involve battling the Phantom Menace).

So which low-flow (6-litre) toilets actually work?

Toto and Caroma brand toilets rated highly in independent studies, and after two months of testing, both have proven their worth. (Four competitors were also invited to supply toilets for testing but declined.)

Australian-made Caroma toilets offer both a 6-litre flush for solids and a 3-litre half-flush for liquid waste. The dual-flush system maximizes water savings over and above ordinary 6L units and it flushes cleanly, in one flush, 95 per cent of the time. There is the odd crumb that returns on messy loads after a full flush, but these can be disposed of with a second half-flush, if desired.

The Caroma is a "*washdown*" toilet with steep walls and only a small amount of water in the bowl. Splashing during use isn't a problem and any staining of the walls is usually washed away in the flush, but yes, occasional scrubbing is necessary (as with any toilet).

The Caroma has a **4-inch trapway**- compared with the 1¾ inch industry standard. This innovation virtually eliminates clogging. It didn't plug in two months of use. Overall, the Caroma does an excellent job and saves a tremendous amount of water.

Caroma toilets include a lifetime warranty on the flush mechanism and are available at most commercial plumbing wholesalers.

For more information, visit [www.caromausa.com](http://www.caromausa.com) or call 905-238-8448.

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