



## Press Release

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## Mary's Meadow Chooses Caroma for Water Conservation

*Dual flush toilets help conserve water and support sustainable efforts of long-term care facility*

**HILLSBORO, OREGON – April 7, 2009** – Caroma, the leader in dual flush toilets and stylish bathroom sinks, was chosen by EGA Architects and the Sisters of Providence, to supply water-conserving toilets to Mary's Meadow, a "small house" long-term care facility in Holyoke, Massachusetts. The care facility, scheduled to open in Summer 2009, will consist of four houses, each one separate from the other, yet connected to a central chapel. The 10-person homes will offer residents a private room with adjoining private bath.

Caroma was chosen to help maximize water savings in the bathrooms at Mary's Meadow. The 40 care units and eight public toilets will have Caravelle 270 Easy Height toilets with raised buttons installed. The Caravelle range is a dual flush toilet using 1.6 gallons per flush for solid waste and 0.8 gallons per flush for liquid and paper waste, averaging only 0.96 gallons per flush based on a 1:4 full/half flush ratio. This saves nearly 40% more water compared to the nationally-mandated 1.6 gallon toilet. The expected annual water savings compared to a 1.6 gallon toilet is more than 46,000 gallons of water.

"The Sisters of Providence and EGA made a concerted effort to design a sustainable environment for Mary's Meadows and its residents," explains Pat Mixdorf, Architect and Project Manager at EGA Architects. "We want to protect the environment where reasonable, such as using recycled materials and water-conserving fixtures. After reviewing several options for toilets, we chose Caroma. The toilets will save the care facility thousands of gallons of water each year, but in addition, Caroma has the most elder-friendly toilet in the market. The amount of effort needed to flush the Caravelle toilet with the raised buttons is minimal, and this is ideal for people with limited dexterity."

In addition to the substantial water savings and ease of flushing, Caroma toilets make maintenance problems nearly non-existent. The toilets have a large trapway, nearly double the industry average, virtually eliminating blockages and overflows. The slimline design also makes cleaning easy. The Easy Height bowl, taller than a normal toilet, is ideal for people with limited mobility.

**About Caroma**

Since 1941, Caroma has been a world leader in quality and innovation of bathroom products, continually providing reliable, high efficiency toilet suites and sinks. With 41 WaterSense labeled toilets, more than any company in the industry, Caroma offers award-winning products that help preserve the world's most valuable resource - water. Combining quality, water-conserving products with superior customer service, Caroma has been chosen by businesses and households worldwide for exceptional performance and stylish design. The company can be contacted by phone at 1 800 605 4218, via email at [info@caromausa.com](mailto:info@caromausa.com), or on the Web at [www.caromausa.com](http://www.caromausa.com).

**About EGA Architects**

EGA Architects is involved in the development and evolution of new ideas and better ways to serve the needs of the elderly. EGA designed its first Continuing Care Retirement Community in 1966, and the majority of work has been in the design of assisted living and long-term care facilities, Alzheimer's units and hospices, and continuing care retirement communities. EGA have designed more than 120 senior projects and 20,000 dwelling units in 17 states. For more information on EGA Architects or its projects, please visit [www.ega.net](http://www.ega.net).

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