**London inventor unveils waterless urinal for your home**

By [Mike Donachie](http://metronews.ca/author/howtomovetocanada/) Metro August 5, 2014 Waterless urinal invented in London

You need never worry about leaving the toilet seat up again.

That’s the bold claim made by Londoner Norman Brooks, the 89-year-old inventor who used more than 60 years of construction industry experience to devise something that, he says, will bring relief to many.

It’s the Resno Concealed Waterless Urinal, and it’s ready for installation in your home.

At just $295 each, these creations, [available now,](http://www.resno.ca/) connect to the plumbing and can be hidden away in any normal wall. You might say they’re flush with the wall. Urinals are common enough, Brooks agrees, but this is the first time one’s been made specifically for domestic use, he says, and it can be added to any room.

“Probably the most requests that we had over the years from housewives is this,” Brooks explained. “Do we have a man’s urinal for residential?

“Of course, the answer to that is there isn’t anything. The only one available is the big commercial ones that you and I see in the men’s public washrooms.”

So, finding himself retired at the age of 84 and seeking a project, Brooks decided to invent a urinal that would fit the bill and be “invisible” and “neat.” The result is a little door in the wall, with a trough to guide the unwanted liquid where it needs to go.

Now Brooks, who was president of the London Home Builders Association in 1957, has had the device patented, as well as certified under the plumbing codes of Canada and the U.S.

There’s a serious environmental benefit, too.

He’s had an expert assess how the waterless urinal could reduce water use by removing the need to flush. The claim is now that London could save more than a million gallons of water per day if half of its homes had a Resno urinal, assuming 130,000 homes, averaging 1.3 men per home and all using flush toilets.

That’s according to Derek Satnik, managing director of Mindscape Innovations Group, Kitchener, who said 11,825 litres of water per family per year could be saved.

So does Brooks have a waterless urinal in his home?

He made sure of it, after moving into a seniors’ home. He had a contractor fit one of his inventions without telling anyone, leading to some gentle concern – now abated – from the home’s owner.

“I said, I think after 60 years in construction I know about as much about plumbing as one of your inspectors,” Brooks declared.

It’s hard to argue with that.