

Water-Use Efficiency Rebate Program

Steps to Participate

1. Call Water-Use Efficiency staff at (707) 543-3985 to schedule a pre-inspection site visit.
2. Coordinate all required permits and conditions with the Building Division at (707) 543-3230.
3. Schedule a post-inspection site visit upon completion of the project and within 120 days of date of pre-approval.
4. Sign the Certification of Participation which is submitted along with your original receipts. If a Contractor is used, the invoice submitted must separate labor from materials (*rebate is for materials only*).
5. Rebates will be processed within 4 to 6 weeks of receipt of your application materials.

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Rainwater Harvesting Rebate



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WATER: Use it Wisely!

What Is Rainwater Harvesting?

Rainwater harvesting is the collection and storage of untreated rainwater for reuse. Rainwater harvesting ranges from simple catchment devices, such as rain barrels, to more complex systems such as cisterns and storage tanks. Rainwater harvesting helps conserve water and reduce the amount of storm water runoff.

How Much is the Rebate?

\$0.25 per gallon of storage

- *Rebate is limited to the estimated peak month gallons of water use for your site.*
- *Rebate cannot exceed the cost of materials.*
- *Labor is not included in rebate amount.*

Eligibility Requirements:

- Own the home or business and the site must have City of Santa Rosa water service.
- Agree to a pre-inspection and post-installation inspection.
- Coordinate with the Building Division to obtain proper permits.
- Install a backflow device.
- Install a minimum of 100 gallons of storage.

Do Rainwater Systems Require Permits?

To implement a rainwater harvesting system, you will need to have an approved backflow device installed on your potable supply line to protect the public drinking water system. The backflow device must be initially tested by a certified tester or by the City's Water Quality Program (initial test is at no cost to the customer), and tested on an annual basis by a certified backflow tester.

In addition, you need to contact the City of Santa Rosa Building Division to request a plumbing permit; and if your system needs a pump to provide water to the irrigation system, an electrical permit will also be needed. Depending on the type of rainwater harvesting storage system that you install, additional permits, requirements and inspections may be needed. Contact the City of Santa Rosa Building Division at (707) 543-3230 for more information.



Additional Considerations:

When installing and operating your rainwater harvesting system, you must ensure that vector control is in place and that all requirements needed to prohibit mosquito breeding are in place. Rainwater harvesting catchment devices must be covered and it is recommended that all vents and inlets have fine mesh screens to prevent debris from entering the catchment device.



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