

Rainwater Harvesting Rebate Program

Save money and conserve water by capturing and using rainwater in your landscape!

Rebate Amounts:

Residential and/or Commercial

\$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.*



Applicant must:

- Own the home or business and the site must have City of Santa Rosa water service.
 - Non-property owners must receive written consent from the property owner to be eligible to participate in this rebate program. A City of Santa Rosa tenant agreement form will need to be completed.
- Agree to a brief pre and post-installation inspection by the Water-Use Efficiency Program.
- Coordinate with the Community Development Department to obtain proper permits.
- Install a backflow device.
- Install a minimum of 100 gallons of storage.
- Not to exceed storage equal to the estimated peak month water use for your site.

Steps to Participate:

1. Call Water-Use Efficiency staff at (707) 543-3985 and schedule a pre-inspection site visit.
2. Coordinate all required permits and conditions with the Community Development Department (707) 543-3230.
3. Schedule a post-inspection site visit upon completion of the project. *Post-inspection must take place within the 120-day period of the pre-inspection.*
4. Fill-out, sign and mail or drop-off your Certificate of Participation along with all **original** purchase receipts to the location listed below. If you hire a contractor, the materials and labor must be separated on their invoice to you.
5. Rebates will be processed within 4 – 6 weeks of receipt of your application materials.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. Do I have to have a pre & post inspection performed?

A. Yes. The City's Water-Use Efficiency Program provides the pre & post inspection free of charge.

Q. Are there any permits required for a rainwater harvesting system?

A. Yes, contact the Community Development Department (707) 543-3230 to discuss permits and required equipment.

Q. Why are backflow devices required?

A. To help protect the public drinking water system.

Q. Is there a minimum amount of water storage that will be rebated?

A. Yes, you must install a minimum of 100 gallons to be eligible.

Q. Is there a maximum amount of water storage that will be rebated?

A. Yes, the rebate is capped at the estimated peak month water use for your site. This can be provided at your pre-inspection.

Q. Do I qualify if I own a home or business that does not have landscaping?

A. No, rainwater harvesting systems are to be used only for landscape irrigation.

Q. Can I participate if I have already installed a rainwater harvesting system?

A. No. The rebate is only for projects approved in advance.

Q. Do I have to get my contractor's sales receipts?

A. No. The contractor's sales receipts are for their business records. The contractor is required, however, to provide you with an invoice that separates the cost of materials and labor.

Q. Do I have to provide the City with a receipt that shows the itemized cost of materials?

A. Yes. All material costs must be itemized.

Submit completed
applications to:

Rainwater Harvesting Rebate Program
Water-Use Efficiency
City of Santa Rosa
69 Stony Circle
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

