



Rainwater Harvesting Rebate Program

Rebate Amounts: \$0.25 per gallon of approved rainwater storage *, **

** Maximum gallons eligible for rebate are calculated by based on square footage of irrigated landscape, the plant types, and the peak month (July) water requirement for planted areas.*

*** Rebates cover materials only (labor not included) and cannot exceed the cost of materials.*

Applicant must:

- Have a City of Santa Rosa water account (service) in their name for the property where the project will be completed.
 - If the property owner is the participant in the program and not the water account holder, they must receive written consent from the water account holder using a City of Santa Rosa Tenant/Account Holder Permission Form.
- Agree that the rainwater storage system will be retained while you are the current account holder or property owner. If hardware is replaced with anything less efficient or removed during that time, the entire rebate amount must be refunded.
- Have a landscape that requires irrigation.

Steps to Participate:

- 1) If not already pre-qualified, call Water-Use Efficiency staff at 707-543-3985 for eligibility verification and a potential site visit.
- 2) After eligibility of site is verified, you will receive your Rainwater Harvesting Eligibility Form (required to qualify for rebate).
 - a) You may then proceed with rainwater storage installation.
 - b) You have 120 days from the date on the eligibility form to complete the project.
 - c) Existing rainwater harvesting systems without prior approval are not eligible.
- 3) **Project Guidelines:**
 - a) 100 gallons is the minimum storage required to qualify for rebate.
 - i) The maximum gallons of storage eligible for rebate is based on the square footage of irrigated landscape, the plant types, and their estimated peak month (July) water requirement.
 - ii) If the project does not exceed the maximum gallon amount, future additions may be rebated upon prior approval.
 - b) Retain/obtain receipt(s) or invoice(s) itemizing the materials used in the project area. **
 - c) Planning & Economic Development: Building Division involvement for possible permits, depending on project configuration:
 - i) If installing 5,000 gallons of storage or more in one area, you may need to get a permit for a concrete pad for support.
 - ii) If a permanent pump, pressurization, electrical power or a controller is installed (on any number of stored gallons) a permit and backflow device may be required for your potable water line(s).
 - iii) Per Santa Rosa City Code Title 20, Division 4, Chapter 20-42.030 (C)(3)(b)(1)(c): Rain harvesting tanks that do not exceed eight feet in height may be placed within a rear or side yard setback without limitation on location. Rain harvesting tanks that exceed eight feet in height may be allowed within a rear or side yard setback, subject to Design Review. Rain harvesting tanks of any height shall not be permitted within a front yard setback.
- 4) Once project is finished based on above guidelines, and within the 120-day period, call 707-543-3985 to setup a post-inspection.
- 5) City staff will come on-site and meet with you to verify completion and that the project follows the guidelines above.
 - a) If approved, customer will sign Certificate of Participation and Approval agreeing to terms of rebate.
- 6) Rebates are processed within 4 to 8 weeks after completed project is approved.