



## RAINWATER HARVESTING RESIDENTIAL / COMMERCIAL REBATE

Austin Water's **Rainwater Harvesting Rebate\*** can help you buy equipment for capturing rain water.

*\* For tanks greater than 500 gallons, you must get pre-approval before you buy and install any equipment.*

### WATER SAVINGS

- Using a rainwater harvesting system can reduce the amount of paid water you use.

### REBATE AMOUNT

- Up to \$5,000 per site (*lifetime limit*)
  - o Non-pressurized (*no pump*): \$0.50 per gallon up to half of the equipment cost
  - o Pressurized (*has a pump*): \$1.00 per gallon up to half of the equipment cost
  - o May apply every 12 months for system expansions until you reach \$5,000
- Includes costs (*materials and labor*) for tank, pad, screens, filters, first-flush, and selected piping installation. Gutters, irrigation system, shipping or delivery, and auxiliary water source requirements are not included.

### ELIGIBILITY

- **Applicant:**
  - o Must be a customer of Austin Water or a [qualifying water provider](#)
  - o Must be the property owner or utility account holder
  - o May not have applied in the past 12 months or reached the \$5,000 limit for the site
  - o Must intend to keep a system 500 gallons or less in service for five years and a system greater than 500 gallons in service for ten years
  - o Agrees to any needed pre- and post-installation inspections by Austin Water
  - o Willing to let Austin Water reference the project in outreach materials
- **Rainwater Harvesting System:**
  - o Must be a new system or an expansion of an existing system
  - o Must meet City subdivision and zoning requirements, including setback and impervious cover limits (*contact [Development Assistance Center](#) at 512-978-4000*) and any homeowners association regulations
  - o Systems with a pump and greater than 500 gallons of capacity (*including combined capacity if multiple tanks are connected*) must meet all auxiliary water requirements, including cross connection testing, backflow prevention, and permits prior to rebate approval. (*contact [Special Services](#) at 512-972-1060*)
  - o Equipment must be new and intended for rainwater harvesting
  - o Metal tanks must be lined. Transparent tanks/pipe must be painted or enclosed
  - o Tanks that are greater than 500 gallons must have a first-flush diversion system and a level base made of gravel, sand, or concrete

### CHECKLIST IF ALL TANKS ARE 500 GALLONS OR LESS EACH

- ☐ Meet all eligibility requirements above
- ☐ Install the system

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- ☐ Submit the application within 30 days of installing equipment and include:
  - ☐ An itemized, dated, **paid-in-full** receipt with vendor contact and payment information
  - ☐ **IRS W-9 form** (*commercial & multi-family accounts only*)
  - ☐ Send application and receipts to:  
**Mail:** Austin Water Conservation, PO Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767  
**Email:** [watercon@austintexas.gov](mailto:watercon@austintexas.gov)  
**Fax:** 512-974-3504
- ☐ Wait 6 to 8 weeks for your Austin Water rebate check

### CHECKLIST **FOR TANKS THAT ARE GREATER THAN 500 GALLONS**

- ☐ Meet all eligibility requirements on previous page
- ☐ Submit application for pre-approval **before you buy and install any equipment** and include:
  - ☐ **Site Drawing:** show locations of buildings, streets, existing/proposed tank(s), water meter, and piping from the tank to the landscaped areas. Identify the size of the catchment area (*usually the roof*) and the area you will water with rainwater
  - ☐ **System Drawing:** sketch plans for the system, include piping, first-flush diversion system, pump location (*if applicable*), tank material, dimensions, placement, pad materials (*must be gravel, sand, or concrete*) and construction
  - ☐ **Operation & Maintenance Guide:** describe how the system will function and how you will maintain it  
**Photographs:** show existing area the cistern will be located
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- ☐ Receive a pre-approval letter from Austin Water
- ☐ Within 90 days after Austin Water issues the pre-approval letter:
  - ☐ Buy materials, get any required permits, and install the system
  - ☐ Submit the **rebate calculation worksheet**, photos of the installed tanks, and itemized, dated, **paid-in-full** receipts with vendor contact and payment information to Austin Water
- ☐ Complete a post-installation inspection (*if required*)
- ☐ Wait 6 to 8 weeks for your Austin Water rebate check

### QUESTIONS?

[Rainwater Harvesting Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Examples of Site and System Drawings](#)

**RAINWATER HARVESTING REBATE APPLICATION****APPLICANT INFORMATION**Austin Water Account # *(leave blank if unavailable)***Or** Qualifying Water Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_Name of Applicant *(property owner or account holder)*: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:  
*(if different from above)*

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**REBATE INFORMATION**Type of Property? ☐ Single-family ☐ Multi-family ☐ Commercial

Total New Storage Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_

Is a Pump Included? ☐ Yes ☐ No    Are Multiple Tanks Connected Together? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
*(You must meet auxiliary water requirements if your system has a pump and the tank or connected tanks have a capacity greater than 500 gallons. Contact Special Services at 512-972-1060 for information.)*

Installation Date *(systems 500 gallons or less only)*: \_\_\_\_\_**REBATE AGREEMENT**

I certify that all statements and representations contained in this application are true, correct and complete. I have read and understand the rebate eligibility on page one. I have completed each of the required items on the rebate checklist and submitted all required items. I understand that incomplete applications will not be processed. Austin Water reserves the right to cancel or modify the program without notice. Rebates are subject to funding availability.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

WaterWiseAustin.org | watercon@austintexas.gov | 512-974-2199

**CITY OF AUSTIN USE ONLY:**

Pre-Inspection Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Inspected By: \_\_\_\_\_ Pass/ Fail

Post-Inspection Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Inspected By: \_\_\_\_\_ Pass/ Fail

Rebate Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_