

# City of San Marcos Rainwater Harvesting Rebate



*The City of San Marcos Rainwater Harvesting Rebate Program encourages installation and use of rainwater harvesting systems. Rainwater harvesting systems can be as simple as a rain barrel with a hose-bib, or may consist of multiple large tanks with pumping and filtration systems. Rainwater systems are used primarily for landscape irrigation, but may also be used for other outdoor uses such as filling swimming pools or washing cars, or for indoor uses such as flushing toilets or washing clothes.*

## **Eligibility**

Program is open to City of San Marcos Water Utility customers with an account in good standing.

## **Qualifying Products**

Rebate is applicable to materials and labor for rainwater system components including: screened gutters, first-flush diverters, leaf screens, primary filtration systems, new finished rainwater barrels/tanks, tank pad/foundation (concrete, gravel, sand), pumps, and backflow devices installed at City water meter. Rebate is not applicable to miscellaneous pipes and fittings, advanced treatment systems, irrigation system components, maintenance agreements or warranties.

## **Rebate Amounts**

***Non-pressurized systems:*** \$0.50/gallon of storage capacity up to 50% of total system cost

***Pressurized systems:*** \$1.00/gallon of storage capacity up to 50% of total system cost

The maximum rebate amount is determined by water meter size:

- 5/8 x 3/4" water meters (standard residential) - max rebate is \$5,000
- 1" water meters - max rebate is \$10,000
- 1.5" water meters - max rebate is \$15,000
- 2" water meters and larger - max rebate is \$20,000



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## **Rebate Process for small systems (less than 500 gallons of storage):**

- Step 1:** Customer purchases and installs qualifying rainwater harvesting equipment.
- Step 2:** Customer submits rebate application and itemized receipts within 30 days of purchase.
- Step 3:** City staff may schedule a site inspection to verify installation. The rainwater harvesting system must be installed and functional at the time of the inspection.
- Step 4:** Rebate is issued as a credit on customer's utility bill.

## **Rebate Process for large systems (500 gallons of storage or more):**

- Step 1:** Before purchase and installation of rainwater harvesting system, customer submits completed rebate application.
- Step 2:** City staff will review application and funds availability, and may contact customer to schedule a pre-installation inspection.
- Step 3:** City staff will issue a *Letter of Approval* to proceed with purchase and installation of the rainwater harvesting system.
- Step 4:** Customer purchases and installs rainwater harvesting system.
- Step 5:** Customer submits itemized purchase receipts/invoices no later than 90 days after date of *Letter of Approval*.
- Step 6:** City staff may contact customer to schedule a follow-up inspection to verify installation. The rainwater harvesting system must be installed and functional at the time of the inspection.
- Step 7:** Rebate is issued as a credit on customer's utility bill.



## **Additional Terms**

- **Rebates are offered on a first come/first serve basis and are subject to availability of funds.**
- COSM may alter program requirements at any time without prior notice.
- COSM reserves the right to deny any application or refuse incentive payment for systems that do not meet program requirements.
- Rebated products must be installed within the COSM water service area, and must remain in use at the specified address for the lifetime of the product.
- Applicant/contractors are responsible for obtaining all required permits and inspections, and for compliance with HOA, local, state and federal regulations.
- Applicant agrees COSM may inspect the rainwater harvesting system at any time to ensure compliance with local, state and federal regulations.

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- Rebate amount is pre-tax and is for purchase of new equipment and installation only. Rebate is not applicable to used equipment, maintenance agreements, warranties, tax or any other items.
- **The City of San Marcos does not endorse specific brands, products, contractors or dealers; nor does it guarantee materials, workmanship, performance or durability of rebated products.**



Send completed application packet to:  
[jklein@sanmarcostx.gov](mailto:jklein@sanmarcostx.gov)  
City of San Marcos Public Services - Conservation Dept.  
630 East Hopkins  
San Marcos, TX 78666  
512-393-8310

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*For small systems (less than 500 gallons of storage), submit completed application and receipts within 30 days after installing rainwater system.*

*For large systems (500 gallons of storage or more), submit completed application along with site diagram, system drawing, and cost estimates or bids before purchasing and installing rainwater system.*

*Application must be signed and dated. Incomplete applications will be returned.*

## **Customer Information**

Applicant name: \_\_\_\_\_ San Marcos water account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Business name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Installation address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Work performed by:  Homeowner  Contractor

## **Contractor Information (if applicable)**

Business name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Rainwater System Information**

Total Storage Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_ gals Total Collection Area: \_\_\_\_\_ sq.ft.

Distribution Method:  Gravity  Pump - Brand/Model \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Use:  Landscape/Irrigation  Indoor Non-Potable (toilets, etc)  Potable

***I have read, understand, and agree to the City of San Marcos  
Rainwater Harvesting Rebate Program requirements and terms.***

Water utility customer name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

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