

2024/25 Residential Rainwater Tank and Rain Garden Rebates

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1. Purpose

The City of West Torrens is committed to assisting the community in reducing its mains water consumption and reducing the pollutants entering its stormwater system through a range of mechanisms such as incentives, education and resources.

The Residential Rainwater Tank and Rain Garden Rebate Scheme is an opportunity for local residents to receive a rebate on the cost of a new rainwater tank with a minimum tank capacity of 1,000 litres or planter box rain garden.

2. Rebate Amount

The following rebates are available for applicants. Each rebate is limited to one per property per year:

Rebate 1: Rainwater Tank (plumbed or unplumbed*)

Successful applicants will receive a rebate based on the following sliding scale:

Tank size**	Eligible rebate
1,000 - 1,999	\$100
2,000 - 4,999 litres	\$300
5,000 – 10,000 litres	\$400
10,001 + litres	\$500

*Please note: Plumbed refers to the tank being connected to roof area and then a delivery system from the tank connected to the toilets, cold water laundry outlets, or water heater. Unplumbed refers to the tank just being connected to the roof area.

**Please note: The capacity may be reached by installing two or more smaller tanks.

Rebate 2: \$200 Plumbed in Rainwater Tank for new developments or extensions

Eligible applicants will receive a \$200 rebate from Council, plus the corresponding amount in Rebate 1 (for 2,000 litres and above only).

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following requirements (and provide evidence):

- The new rainwater tank is 2,000 litres or larger.
- 75 percent of the new dwellings roof catchment is directed to the plumbed in rainwater tank.
- The new rainwater tank is plumbed into at least two of the following:
 - Toilets
 - Water heater
 - All cold water outlets in the laundry of the home

Rebate 3: Planter Box Rain Garden

Eligible applicants will receive up to \$500 towards the cost of a planter box rain garden, including the following items:

- Planter box
- Soil (including gravel)
- Native plants as listed within 'Building a lined planter box raingarden'

- Piping

See *Section 3. Eligibility* below to see if you are eligible to apply.

3. Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must be able to meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must meet the rainwater tank capacities shown in *Section 1 of this form 'Rebate Amount'* or materials in line with those shown in the attachment 'Building a lined planter box raingarden'.
- The residential property must be located within the City of West Torrens local government boundary.
- Applicants must be the property owner.
- Applications for strata title residential properties must include written approval from the body corporate.
- Non-residential properties including commercial, school, not-for-profit/ charitable organisations or business premises are not eligible.
- A maximum of one rebate is offered per property per year as outlined in *Section 1. Rebate Amount*.
- Rebates relate to activities (as outlined in *Section 1. Rebate Amount*) that are undertaken during the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years.
- Rainwater tanks must be purchased new (not second hand).
- Applications for Rebate 2: Plumbed in Rainwater Tanks for new developments and extensions, will be required to show evidence as outlined in *Section 1. Rebate Amount*.
- Planter Box Rain Gardens are required to be constructed in line with the attachment 'Building a Lined Planter Box Rain Garden'.
- The rainwater tank/ planter box rain garden must be installed i.e. connected to a roof catchment on the property.
- Rebate applications must include legible and clear supporting documentation for the following:
 - Rebate 1 - photos of the rainwater tank installed and connected to the roof area and paid receipt.
 - Rebate 2 - photos of the rainwater tank installed and connected to the roof area, as well as photos of all plumbed connections to toilets, laundry etc, and paid receipt.
 - Rebate 3 - photos of the rain garden installed and connected to the roof area and paid receipt(s).

4. Other Information

Development approval

Development approval from the City of West Torrens is not required for a rainwater tank which:

- Is part of a roof-drainage system; and
- Has a total floor area not exceeding 10 square metres; and
- Has a total volume not exceeding 40,000 litres; and
- Is located wholly above ground; and
- Has a height to the top of the rainwater tank which does not exceed 4 metres, measured from the natural surface of the ground; and
- Is located on a site which is not a local or state heritage place.

For more information regarding development approval for rainwater tanks, contact Council on 8416 6333.

Health considerations

- Rainwater should be regarded as non-potable and measures should be taken to ensure the water is drinking quality before consumption. For further information on rainwater tanks and installations, please refer to the State Government website - <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/energy-and-environment/water/rainwater-tanks>
- The inlet to, and overflow from, the rainwater tank should be fitted with mosquito proof, non-degradable screens formed from not less than 0.315mm diameter material and have a minimum of 6 x 7 openings per cm².
- A first flush diversion device should be installed to take the first, dirtiest portion of the rainfall and divert

it from entering the rainwater tank.

5. How to Apply

Applications for the rebate are lodged online through the City of West Torrens website:
<https://www.westtorrens.sa.gov.au/Community/Community-funding/Grants-donations-rebates-and-sponsorships/Residential-Rainwater-Tank-and-Rain-Garden-Rebates>

The 2024/25 rebate program is open until 30 June 2025, unless funding is exhausted before this date.