

2018/19 Residential Rainwater Tank and Rain Garden Rebates

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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. The 2018/19 Residential Rainwater Tank and Rain Garden Rebates provides 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 a planter box rain garden.

1. Rebate amount

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

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	\$50
2,000 - 4,999 litres	\$300
5,000 – 10,000 litres	\$400
10,001 + litres	\$500

**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

To be eligible, applicants will be required to show all of the following:

- The new rainwater tank is 2,000 litres or larger.
- 75 per cent of the new dwelling's 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.

Applicants who demonstrate the above will be eligible for a \$200 rebate from Council, plus the corresponding amount shown in Rebate 1 (for 2,000 litres and above only).

Rebate 3: Planter box rain garden

The available rebate is for 100 per cent to a maximum \$500 for the construction of a planter box rain garden for the following:

- planter box
- soil (including gravel)
- native plants as listed within 'Building a lined planter box raingarden'
- piping.

Total funding for the rebates is limited and applications will be processed on a first come first served basis until all funding is exhausted.

2. Eligibility

To be eligible, participants must be able to meet all of 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 proof of approval for the installation by the body corporate.
- Non-residential properties including commercial, school, not-for-profit/ charitable organisations or business premises are not eligible.
- Tax invoices for rainwater tanks and materials for planter box rain gardens must show a purchase / installation date on or after 1 July 2017.
- Rainwater tanks must be purchased new (not second hand).
- A maximum of one rebate will be provided per property as outlined in Section 1. Rebate amount.
- Rebates for plumbed rainwater tanks for new developments and extensions will be required to show all of the following:
 - The new rainwater tank is 2,000 litres or larger.
 - 75 per cent of the new dwelling's roof catchment is directed to the plumbed in rainwater tank.
 - The new rainwater tank is plumbed into two of the following:
 - Toilets
 - Water heater
 - Cold water outlets in the laundry of the home.
- Rebates for planter box rain gardens will only provide a rebate for the costs of the following:
 - planter box
 - soil (including gravel)
 - native plants
 - piping
- 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.
- Legible and clear supporting documentation must be provided, including a photo of the installed rainwater tank and planter box rain garden.

3. Additional Information

Development approval

Development approval from the City of West Torrens is not required other than in respect to a state heritage place for rainwater tanks (and any supporting structure) which:

- is part of a roof drainage system
- has total floor area not exceeding 10 square metres
- is located wholly above ground
- has no part higher than four metres above the natural surface of the ground.

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 their installations, please refer to the SA Department of Health's fact sheet which can be found online at www.sa.gov.au (search 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.