

2026/27 Climate Resilient Rebate Guidelines

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1. Purpose

The City of West Torrens is committed to promoting and supporting environmentally friendly behaviours, building the community's resilience to the effects of climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The Climate Resilient Rebate Program provides incentives to encourage and support low-carbon living in West Torrens.

2. Types of Rebates and Amounts

The amount provided in the rebate will not exceed the amount spent by the applicant. The rebate amount is calculated after any other discounts on purchase are applied.

Successful applicants can only receive one type of rebate per property/home/community facility, each financial year, noting that the Community Renewables rebate may only be claimed once every two years. However, if a Residential Home Energy Assessment rebate recommends an action that has a corresponding rebate, that rebate may be applied for in the same year (one additional rebate only).

Rebate 1: Residential Home Energy Assessment rebate - a rebate of up to \$100 towards the cost of a Residential Efficiency Scorecard assessment by an accredited practitioner to rate the home's energy use and identify opportunities for improvements. Information on the home assessment is provided in the following web link: <https://www.homescorecard.gov.au/>

Rebate 2: Window Treatment rebate - a rebate of up to 20% of the cost, but not exceeding \$200, towards the cost of installing window treatments to enhance the thermal performance of your home, such as double glazing, tinting or external sunshades. Concession card holders can receive up to 30% of the cost but not exceeding \$300.

Rebate 3: Appliance Electrification rebate - a rebate of up to 20% of the cost, but not exceeding \$500, towards the cost of replacing gas appliances with electric or solar powered appliances to reduce emissions, energy and running costs. Concession card holders can receive up to 30% of the cost but not exceeding \$750.

Rebate 4: Rainwater Tank rebate - a rebate towards a new rainwater tank, ranging from \$100 to \$400 depending on the tank size, plus an additional amount if it is plumbed into the house, as outlined below:

Rainwater tank size	Rebate amount
1,000 litres - 1,999 litres	\$100 (+ \$50 if plumbed in)
2,000 litres - 4,999 litres	\$200 (+ \$50 if plumbed in)
5,000 litres - 10,000 litres	\$300 (+ \$100 if plumbed in)
10,001 litres and above	\$400 (+ \$100 if plumbed in)

Rebate 5: Renewables for Community Facility rebate - the Renewables for Community Facility rebate is offered in two ways:

- a) Batteries for council owned facilities used by the community group - Up to \$5,000 towards the cost.

Batteries can optimise the investment in council's renewable energy electricity contract. Batteries can be charged during the day when electricity is at its lowest price and used later in the evening when the group is using the facility.

- b) Solar and/or battery for non-council owned facility used by the community group - Up to \$5,000 towards the cost.

Encouraging the use of renewables on facilities can help reduce power costs and emissions.

Rebate may only be claimed once every two years.

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

3. Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Rebates are for purchases/works undertaken in the 2026/27 financial year.
- The Climate Resilient rebates are for ratepayers and people living in West Torrens for their West Torrens home, or for *community groups in West Torrens (the buildings they utilise), as detailed in this document. Applicants can be the relevant property owner, tenant or community group member.
** Community groups include incorporated not-for-profit organisations and groups that are located within the Council area and primarily serve West Torrens residents.*
- Buildings owned by State or Commonwealth Government are not eligible, and businesses cannot apply.
- City of West Torrens' Elected Members and staff living in West Torrens are not eligible.
- The rebates are to be used for residential homes or community facilities (where applicable) located within the City of West Torrens.
- Applications from tenants or community groups need to include written approval from the property owner, and for strata title residential properties approval from the body corporate, as relevant.
- Applications must include evidence of the work undertaken and/or the purchase, and that it has been paid for in full by providing an itemised receipt and photo of the completed work and/or good purchased.
- Successful applicants can only receive one type of rebate per property each financial year, except the Renewables for Community Facility rebate, which may only be claimed once every two years. However, if a Residential Home Energy Assessment rebate recommends an action that has a corresponding rebate, that rebate can also be applied for in the same year.
- Items that have been considered for funding under Council's Community Grants program (whether successful or not) are not eligible.
- For the purpose of this program, a concession card refers to a Pensioner Concession Card or a Health Care Card.

In addition:

- For the **Appliance Electrification rebate** and the **Renewables for Community Facility rebate**, the following documentation is to be provided with your application (where applicable):
 - Electrical Certificate(s) of Compliance (CoC).
 - Gas and Plumbing Certificate(s) of Compliance (CoC).
 - Photos demonstrating installation of eligible appliances.
 - The manufacturer's technical specifications for appliances being installed.
 - Decision Notification Form for Development Approvals (DA).

Please ensure you have considered the following when deciding to replace your gas appliances with electric or solar powered alternatives:

- Use a licensed electrical or gas contractor to install and remove your appliances when applicable.
- Obtain all relevant approvals, including from the property landlord, body corporation, SA Power Network, and Council as relevant.

4. Other Information

Funding will be in the form of a reimbursement payment once the activity/purchase has been paid in full and works are completed and evidence of such is provided to Council from the applicant to Council's satisfaction.

Follow up inspections by the Administration may occur if deemed necessary (or for program promotional purposes) and will be arranged with the applicant.

Council encourages applicants to seek specialist advice from a reputable supplier/professional to ensure your application meets the rebate objectives and your needs.

The following sources of information provide further details on enhancing your climate resilience:

<https://www.westtorrens.sa.gov.au/Environment-and-Sustainability/Climate-change/Your-Climate-Resilient-Home-Guide>

<https://www.yourhome.gov.au/>

<https://www.homescorecard.gov.au/>

Council is not responsible for the applicant's selection or the performance of goods/services.

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/>

The 2026/27 rebate program is open until 30 June 2027, unless funding is exhausted before this date.