

# 2023/24 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 2023/24 Residential Rainwater Tank and Rain Garden Rebates are 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.

Total funding for the rebates is limited, and applications will be processed on a first come first serve basis. Applications are open until 30 June 2024, or until all funding is exhausted, whichever occurs first.

## 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: 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

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

- 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.

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 percent 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.

## 2. Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants 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 2022.
- 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 in 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 percent of the new dwellings 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 for all rebates.
- For Rebate 1, photo(s) of the rainwater tank installed and connected to the roof area must be provided.
- For Rebate 2, photo(s) of the rainwater tank installed and connected to the roof area, as well as photos of all plumbed connections to toilets, laundry etc must be provided.
- For Rebate 3, photo(s) of the rain garden installed and connected to the roof area must be provided.

### 3. Additional 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 their installations, please read the SA Department of Health's fact sheet which can be found at:  
<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 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- 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.