

Rainwater Harvesting Rebate

The SMTX Utilities 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 SMTXU water utility customers with an account in good standing.

Qualifying Products

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

Rebate Amounts

Non-pressurized systems: \$0.50 per gallon of storage capacity (may not exceed 50% of purchase price)

Pressurized systems: \$1.00 per gallon of storage capacity (may not exceed 50% of system purchase price)

The maximum rebate amount per property 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, itemized receipts and photos of installed system within 60 days after purchase.

Step 3: Conservation 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 along with site diagram, system drawing, and cost estimates or bids.

Step 2: Conservation staff will review application and funds availability, and may contact customer to schedule a pre-installation inspection.

Step 3: Conservation 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 and photos of installed system no later than 90 days after date of *Letter of Approval*.

Step 6: Conservation 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.
- SMTXU may alter program requirements at any time without prior notice.
- SMTXU 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 SMTXU water service area, and must remain in use at the specified address for the lifetime of the product.

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- Applicant/contractors are responsible for obtaining all required permits and inspections, and for compliance with HOA, local, state and federal regulations.
- Applicant agrees SMTXU may inspect the rainwater harvesting system at any time to ensure compliance with local, state and federal regulations.
- 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.**



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