



## Rainwater Harvesting System Rebate

The City of Sunset Valley's **Rainwater Harvesting Rebate** helps residential customers with costs to install rainwater harvesting equipment. This rebate may be able to be combined with Austin Water's Rainwater Harvesting Rebate. Please check Austin Water's page for more details on their program.

### WATER SAVINGS

- Water captured from a rainwater harvesting system can supplement, or replace, the water you would normally use to irrigate your landscape.

### REBATE AMOUNT

- Up to \$5,000 per site
  - Sunset Valley Villas- Non-pressurized systems 500 gallons or less (*no pump*)- 50% of cost of materials and labor. First \$500 covered at 100%
  - Non-pressurized system 500 gallons or more (no pumps)- 50% of cost of materials and labor. First \$1,000 covered at 100%
  - Pressurized Systems (*has a pump*): 50% of cost of materials and labor. First \$1,000 covered at 100%
- Eligible equipment costs (*materials and labor*) include tank, pad, screens, filters, first-flush, auxiliary water requirements, and selected piping installation. Ineligible for rebate are costs for gutters, irrigation system, shipping or delivery.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant:
  - Must be a customer of City of Sunset Valley.
  - Must be the property owner or utility account holder.
  - May not have applied in the past 12 months.
  - Must intend to keep a system 500 gallons or less in service for five years and a system greater than 500 gallons in service for ten years.
  - Agrees to any needed pre- and post-installation inspections by Sunset Valley Public Works Department.
- Rainwater Harvesting System:
  - Must be a new system or an expansion of an existing system.
  - Must meet City subdivision and zoning requirements, including setback and impervious cover limits and any homeowner's association regulations.
  - Systems with a pump (*including combined capacity if multiple tanks are connected*) must meet auxiliary water requirements, including cross connection testing, backflow prevention, and permits prior to rebate approval. An annual rebate of backflow testing is available for rainwater harvesting systems.
  - Equipment must be new and intended for rainwater harvesting.
  - Metal tanks must be lined. Transparent tanks/pipe must be painted or enclosed.
  - Tanks that are greater than 500 gallons must have a first-flush diversion system and a level base made of gravel, sand, or concrete.

## CHECKLIST

### FOR TANKS 500 GALLONS OR LESS

- Meet all eligibility requirements
- Install the system
- Submit the application within 30 days of installing equipment and include:
  - An itemized, dated, **paid-in-full** receipt with vendor contact and payment information
  - Send application and receipts to:

Sunset Valley Public Works Department  
3203 Jones Road  
Sunset Valley, Texas 78745

- Wait 3-4 Weeks for Rebate

### FOR TANKS GREATER THAN 500 GALLONS (INCLUDING COMBINED CAPACITY IF CONNECTED)

- Meet all eligibility requirements
- Submit application for pre-approval **before you buy and install any equipment** and include:
  - Site Drawing:** show locations of buildings, streets, existing/proposed tank(s), water meter and piping from the tank to the landscaped areas. Identify the size of the catchment area (usually the roof) and the area you will water with rainwater.
  - System Drawing:** sketch plans for the system, include piping, first-flush diversion system, pump location (*if applicable*), tank material, dimensions, placement, pad materials (must be gravel, sand, or concrete) and construction details.
  - Operation & Maintenance Guide:** describe how the system will function and how you will maintain it
  - Photographs:** show existing area the cistern will be located
  - Send application materials to:

Mail: City of Sunset Valley  
Public Works Department  
3205 Jones Road  
Sunset Valley, Texas 78745

- Receive a pre-approval letter from City of Sunset Valley
- Within 90 days after City of Austin issues the pre-approval letter:
- Buy materials, get any required permits, and install the system
- After installation, submit itemized, dated, paid in full receipts with vendor contact information to the City of Sunset Valley. Complete the rebate calculation sheet.
- Complete a post-installation inspection (*if required*)
- Wait 3 to 4 weeks for your rebate check

Rainwater Harvesting Rebate	
Applicant Name	
Sunset Valley Account Number	
Property Address	
Phone	
Email	
Rebate Information	
New Storage Capacity	
Installation Date: (Systems less than 500 gallons)	
Is a pump included?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are multiple tanks connected together?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Systems with a pump <i>(including combined capacity if multiple tanks are connected)</i> must meet auxiliary water requirements, including cross connection testing, backflow prevention, and permits prior to rebate approval.	
Person or Company Installing System	
Installation Company Address	
Installation Company Phone	
Installation Company Email	
Rebate Agreement	
I certify that all statements and representations contained in this application are true, correct, and complete. I have read and understand the rebate eligibility requirements. I have completed each of the required items on the rebate checklist and submitted all required items. I understand that incomplete applications will not be processed. The City of Sunset Valley reserves the right to cancel or modify the program without notice. Rebates are subject to funding availability.	
Signature	
Date	

## Rebate Calculation Worksheet

TOTAL SYSTEM COST Includes costs (materials and labor) for tank, pad, screens, filters, first-flush, auxillary water requirements, and selected piping installation. Gutters, irrigation system, shipping or delivery requirements are not included.

Description	Place of Purchase	Purchase Date	Purchase cost
Total Installation Cost			