





# Rain Harvest

## Rebate Application



Harvesting rainwater from your rooftop keeps polluted runoff from flowing into the Santa Monica Bay, reduces the demand for potable water supplies, and can put money in your pocket.

**PROGRAM ENDS DECEMBER 31, 2011 or while funds are available.**

Downspout Redirect	Rain Barrel Up to 199 gallons	Small Cistern 200 to 499 gallons	Large Cistern 500+ gallons
 A photograph showing a downspout pipe being redirected into a large, light-colored ceramic water storage container (cistern) placed on a stone base in a garden area.	 A photograph of a green plastic rain barrel with a white downspout pipe attached to its top, situated outdoors near some green plants.	 A photograph of a stack of three large, tan-colored plastic cisterns mounted on a concrete base, with a white downspout pipe leading into the top.	 A photograph of a large, white, cylindrical cistern with blue piping and valves, installed outdoors next to a brick wall.
<p>Downspouts that drain to your street or alley may be redirected <u>to your landscape</u>. Funds cannot be used to install or redirect gutters to rain barrels or cisterns.</p>	<p>Rain Barrels store rainwater in a container that can be used to water plants.</p>	<p>Small Cisterns store rainwater in a container that can be used to water plants.</p>	<p>Large Cisterns store rainwater in a container above ground or below ground. Connection to a pressurized irrigation system requires a plumbing permit.</p>

**Rebates cover the costs for rain barrels/cisterns, design plans, installation labor, parts, and materials.**

**Example: you pay \$100 for a rain barrel and you pay a gutter installer \$75 to install it, you get a rebate for \$175.**

**Downspout Redirect: up to \$40 each; no purchase limit.**

**Rain Barrel: up to \$200 each; maximum 2 barrels per downspout; 8 barrels total per property.**

**Small Cistern: up to \$500 each; maximum 4 per property.**

**Large Cistern: up to \$1,000 each; maximum 2 per property.**

# Rain Harvest Rebate Application Process



## Eligibility:

Any property owner (resident, institution or business) in the City of Santa Monica and any tenant of said property with the permission of the owner.

## Rebate Funds & Limitations:

Rebates are limited, and available on a first come, first served basis. This is a reimbursement rebate program. Please check on the most recent rebate amounts and restrictions. Additional permitting requirements may be imposed. There is no list of qualified products. However, product and installation information can be found at [www.sustainable-sm.org/runoff](http://www.sustainable-sm.org/runoff) (key word rainwater harvesting).

## Rebate Application Process\*:

### 1. Submit:

- a. Completed and signed application.
- b. Photos of existing downspouts and/or drainage area prior to installation. Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.
- c. Receipts for products, parts, materials, and/or installation.
- d. **Mail your application package to:**  
**Office of Sustainability and the Environment**  
**Rain Harvest Rebate**  
**200 Santa Monica Pier, Suite C**  
**Santa Monica, CA 90401-3126**

### 2. Inspection (pre-inspection no longer required):

- a. When the work is completed, call (310) 458-8972 ext. 1 to schedule an inspection.
- b. Verification that all products listed on application package are installed.
- c. Verification that all products are installed per the program requirements.
- d. Photos of all products.

### 3. Rebate Check:

- a. Upon final approval, a rebate check will be issued within 3-4 weeks.

\*If cistern is being connected to a pressurized irrigation system, a set of plans are required and must be submitted to the City's Building and Safety Department at City Hall and a plumbing permit must be obtained prior to installation.

## Questions?

Call: (310) 458-8972 ext. 1

Email: [savewater@smgov.net](mailto:savewater@smgov.net)

Visit: [www.sustainable-sm.org/runoff](http://www.sustainable-sm.org/runoff)



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**Certification:** I certify that I have read this application, and the information contained in this application package is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. The City of Santa Monica reserves the right to modify the terms of the rebate program at any time. I shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City, its City Council, boards and commissions, officers, agents, volunteers and employees from and against any and all loss, damages, liability, claims, suits, costs and expenses, whatsoever, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising directly or indirectly from the award of the rebate, the installation of the system, or the services or work performed in connection with the project. Should I receive funding for the Rain Harvest Rebate Program, I agree to comply with all reporting, monitoring and photo-documentation requirements of the City of Santa Monica, including:

**YOU AGREE TO:**

- Rain barrels and cisterns must be connected to a downspout;
- For Downspout Redirect, existing roof runoff must flow directly to a paved, non-permeable surface (i.e., concrete driveway) that flows to the street or alley and not the landscape;
- Obtaining all necessary permits, if applicable;
- Follow the guidelines for installation available at [www.sustainable-sm.org/runoff](http://www.sustainable-sm.org/runoff);
- Ensure that the barrels/cisterns do NOT block or restrict any existing narrow walkway or path around the home, which may become a safety/emergency access issue;
- Barrels/cisterns must be strapped to the wall for earthquake security if the height of the container is two times greater than the width;
- Overflow from barrels/cisterns may flow to landscape (preferred) or street/alley.
- Placing barrels/cisterns on a solid foundation, such as concrete pad, pavers or blocks, for better stability and elevated 6 inches or more to get better gravity flow and assist in draining barrels periodically to clean;
- Barrels/cisterns must have vector (mosquito, rodent) control;
- Allowing City staff to visit and enter the property for photo-documentation and other data gathering purposes, upon prior written or verbal notification;
- Allowing the City to reference this project in outreach materials;
- Providing the City with appropriate information, upon written notification, about the project for the purposes of program reporting and disbursement of funds;
- Maintaining the project for a minimum of three years upon completion of project funding;
- Allowing the City to give small tours of the property and project, upon appropriate notification;
- These programs are subject to changes at any time, including changes in rebate amounts;
- I agree to repay the City of Santa Monica any money I have received if the any information is found to be false or if rebated product has been removed.

Have you enclosed the required attachments?

- Application**    **Photos**    **Receipts**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant - Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner - Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Phone Number

Project Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and street name)



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**Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding**

**Applicant Information** (as you would like it to appear on the rebate check if approved)

Name:		Title:
Business Name:		
Mailing Address:		
Installation Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Fax:	
Email:		

**Downspout Redirect Rebate:** Total Number of Downspout Redirects: \_\_\_\_\_  
(unlimited; rebate up to \$40 each)

	Total Costs Paid By Applicant	Approved Rebate Amount – staff will fill in
Downspout Redirect(s) Device		
Labor		
Misc. Materials, Other		

**Rain Barrel Rebate:** Total Number of Rain Barrels: \_\_\_\_\_  
(maximum 2 per downspout; 8 barrels per property; rebate up to \$200 each)

	Total Costs Paid By Applicant	Approved Rebate Amount – staff will fill in
Rain Barrel(s)		
Labor		
Misc. Materials, Other		

**Small Cistern Rebate:** Total Number of Cisterns: \_\_\_\_\_  
(maximum 4 per property; rebate up to \$500 each)

	Total Costs Paid By Applicant	Approved Rebate Amount – staff will fill in
Cistern (s)		
Labor		
Misc. Materials, Other		

**Large Cistern Rebate:** Total Number of Cisterns: \_\_\_\_\_  
(maximum 2 per property; rebate up to \$1,000)

	Total Costs Paid By Applicant	Approved Rebate Amount – staff will fill in
Cistern (s)		
Labor		
Misc. Materials, Other		

**TOTAL Estimated Budget Information**

Total Expenses Paid by Applicant	Total Approved Rebate Amount – staff will fill in
\$	\$