



OVERVIEW

Marin Water is offering a rebate for rainwater harvesting barrels and cisterns. This offer is available to residents, businesses and institutions with active Marin Water potable water services. Participants must install and maintain the rainwater harvesting system according to manufacturer's specifications and applicable codes and regulations. Rebates are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the availability of funding.

REBATE AMOUNT

Up to \$0.50 per gallon of storage, not to exceed actual cost. Total rebates for rain barrels and cisterns may not exceed \$1,000 per site.

TO APPLY

1. Research product requirements for installation, use and maintenance.
2. Purchase and install a qualifying rain barrel or cistern that meets the terms and conditions below.
3. Submit this application, including a copy of your sales receipt (original receipts will not be returned).
4. Include a completed [IRS Form W-9](#) if you will receive more than \$600 in rebates from Marin Water during the tax year. Rebates over \$600 may be considered taxable income and a 1099 will be issued. For more information on whether your rebate check will be considered taxable income, please contact a qualified tax professional.
5. Submit photos of the installation per the instructions provided below.
 - a. Professionally installed systems may submit 1-2 photos of the system and an invoice that provides evidence of professional installation.
 - b. Self-installed systems must submit photos clearly showing the following:
 - i. Complete system.
 - ii. Connection to downspout.
 - iii. Screens over any openings such as inlet, overflow, and air holes.
 - iv. Overflow pipe.
 - v. Spigot near bottom.
 - vi. Labeled with: "NONPOTABLE RAINWATER. DO NOT DRINK".
 - vii. Backflow if applicable.
6. Rebates may require a site inspection. Marin Water will contact you to schedule a site visit, if required.

RAIN BARREL & CISTERN REBATE APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY

- You must be an existing customer of Marin Water with an active potable water service.
- Recycled water accounts are not eligible.
- If you are not the owner of the property where the rain barrel and/or cistern is installed, you are responsible for obtaining necessary permissions from the owner before applying for this rebate.
- Projects that require a permit and involve adjusting an existing irrigation system or installing a new one will need to comply with the district's [Landscape Plan Review requirements](#).

RAIN BARREL AND CISTERN INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

- Purchased on/after January 1, 2020. Rebates are not retroactive.
- Newly purchased, constructed of HDPE plastic or comparable, with at least 50 gallons of storage capacity, and designed for the intended purpose of rainwater capture.
- Connected to a rain gutter downspout, rain chain, or other effective means of capturing flow from roofs or other impervious surfaces.
- Secured for child safety.
- Screened or sealed for vector control (e.g. mosquitos and rodents) with a fine mesh screen (1/16th inch), and designed for debris control.
- Equipped with an overflow tube or pipe near the top of the barrel or cistern, directed away from buildings and/or adjacent properties.
- Equipped with a spigot near the bottom of the rain barrel or cistern, or uses a pumping system.
- Labeled with: "NONPOTABLE RAINWATER. DO NOT DRINK".
- Placed on a solid and level foundation, and installed and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Situated to avoid blocking or restricting access to doors, walkways, or pathways.
- Cleaned annually, including gutters.
- Installed, operated and maintained in accordance with requirements of Chapter 16 of the 2019 California Plumbing Code and local permitting requirements.
- Strapped to your home or building for earthquake and personal safety if the height of the barrel/cistern is two times greater than the width.
- All rainwater harvesting systems that involve tanks or barrels must be equipped with a backflow prevention device at the water main and an air gap between the rainwater harvesting system and the connection, if any, to the potable water supply. Backflow prevention devices must be installed by a licensed professional, and require annual inspection and testing. Please contact Marin Water at (415) 945-1571, (415) 945-1559 or backflow@marinwater.org for more information.
- The only exception to the backflow device requirement are rain barrels and cisterns that distribute collected rainwater via a hose or bucket only, are not connected to the potable water system and are not equipped with a pump.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Only qualifying products purchased on/after January 1, 2020, are eligible for a rebate.
- Rebates are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to availability of funds.
- Rebates cover the cost of rain barrels and cisterns only, excluding tax, delivery, and labor.
- Rebates will be paid to the name as it appears on the water bill, unless applicant is not the Marin Water account holder.
- Receipts must be legible and itemized to clearly show what has been purchased. If submitting an invoice from a contractor please ensure it includes the name and address of the contractor, itemized dollar amount of qualifying purchase(s), zero balance due, product brand, model and storage capacity. Receipts will not be returned—please make copies for your records;
- Marin Water reserves the right to request proof of installation and/or to inspect the property to verify that the product(s) is (are) installed, either before or after rebate is paid, and, if necessary, to recover rebated amounts on water bill for any products not installed as required.
- Inspections may also be required at the discretion of the local mosquito and vector control agency and local permitting agencies.
- Applicants are responsible for complying with all applicable codes and regulations.
- Participant agrees to allow Marin Water to use project photos for outreach and educational.
- Allow up to eight weeks for processing.

RAIN BARREL & CISTERN REBATE APPLICATION

Marin Water Service Number:		Marin Water Customer Number:	
Applicant Name:			
Affiliation (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Account Holder <input type="checkbox"/> Property Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Tenant			
Business, HOA or Condo Complex Name (if applicable):			
Site Address (where installed):			Unit #:
City:		Zip:	
Mailing Address (if different from site address):			
Mailing City:		Mailing Zip:	
Email:		Daytime Phone:	
Installer Name (if you hired an installer):			
Installer Company Name:			
Installer Address:			
City:		Zip:	
Installer Email:		Installer Phone:	
PRODUCTS	RAIN BARREL	CISTERN	
Date Purchased			
Date Installed			
Storage Volume (gallons)			
Make and Model			
Price (excluding tax, delivery and labor)			
Roof Area Used to Collect Rainwater (square feet):			
Landscape Area Where Rainwater Applied (square feet):			
Irrigation System Used with Rainwater (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Bucket <input type="checkbox"/> Hose <input type="checkbox"/> Drip <input type="checkbox"/> Spray			
<p>DISCLAIMER: Applicant expressly agrees that MMWD may inspect all properties participating in this rebate program; that MMWD does not guarantee the performance of any product receiving a rebate; and that MMWD does not warrant any product or installation to be free of defects, the quality of workmanship, or the suitability of the premises or the product for the installation. Applicant further agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless MMWD, its directors, officers, agents, and employees, from and against any and all loss, damage, expense, claims suits, and liability, including attorney fees arising out of or in any way connected with the product(s) and its (their) installation. Applicant understands that installation of a qualifying product may not result in lower water bills. MMWD reserves the right to change the terms of this rebate program offer at any time, without notification. Applicant has read, understands, and agrees to the terms and conditions of this rebate program.</p>			
Applicant Signature:			Date:
<p>SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH RECEIPTS: <u>By mail</u> Rain Barrel & Cistern Rebate Marin Water 220 Nellen Avenue, Corte Madera, CA 94925</p>			<p>FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY Site Visit Date: _____ Staff: _____ Approved: \$ _____</p>