



# Rainwater Harvesting

## Residential Water Customer Rebate Program

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

### Program Guidelines

- Up to \$1,000 per site, based on rainwater storage capacity.
  - **Non-pressurized (no pump):** \$0.50 per gallon of capacity
  - **Pressured (has a pump):** \$1.00 per gallon of capacity
- Eligible equipment costs (*materials only*) include tank(s), pad, screens, filters, first-flush system, and selected piping installation.
- **Purchase must have been made after June 1, 2024.**
- The applicant must be a direct El Paso Water customer in good standing.
- Property must be a residential single-family home, duplex, or triplex.
- EPWater may terminate or modify the Rainwater Harvesting rebate program at any time.
- Must meet City subdivision and zoning requirements, such as setbacks (El Paso Municipal code Title 21-Smart Code). For any questions contact El Paso inspection division for assistance (915) 212-0104.
- EPWater reserves the right to inspect the newly installed rain harvesting system up to 90 days after the application is submitted.
- The Rainwater Harvesting Rebate is a pilot program, so customers must complete a survey six months after installation and application approval.

### Equipment Requirements

- Must be a new system or an expansion of an existing system.
- Must meet City subdivision and zoning requirements, including setback and any homeowner's association regulations.
- Cistern irrigation must not be connected/ tied to a meter fed irrigation system.
- Equipment must be new and intended for rainwater harvesting.
- Metal tanks must be lined. Transparent tanks/pipes 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.

### Process

#### **For tanks 500 gallons or less**

- Meet all eligibility requirements as outlined above
- Install the system
- Submit the application **within 90 days of installation** and **1 year (365 days) of purchase**, and include:
  - **Itemized, dated, paid-in-full receipt(s)** with vendor contact and payment information
  - **Photograph of installation**

#### **For tanks greater than 500 gallons (including combined capacity if connected)**

- Meet all eligibility requirements as outlined above
- 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, including piping, first-flush diversion system, pump location (*if applicable*), tank material, dimensions, placement, pad materials (*must be gravel, sand, or concrete*) and construction

- **Operation & Maintenance Guide:** describe how the system will function and how you will maintain it
- **Photographs:** show existing area(s) where the cistern(s) will be located
- IRS W-9 form (*for applicants applying for more than \$600 rebate only*)
- Receive a pre-approval letter or email from El Paso Water
- Within **90 days** after El Paso Water issues the pre-approval letter or email:
  - Buy materials, obtain any required permits and/or permissions, and install the system
  - Submit the rebate calculation worksheet, photos of the installed tanks, and itemized, dated, paid-in-full receipts with model numbers, vendor contact and payment information to El Paso Water
- Complete a post-installation inspection (*if required*)
- This application and all supplemental evidence of project completion may be emailed to [Conservation@epwater.org](mailto:Conservation@epwater.org).
- Rebate will appear on water bill within 1 to 2 billing cycles.

### **Application For Rebate**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Rainwater Cistern (gallons) \_\_\_\_\_ Installation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate square footage of catchment area (*area of roof to be used to catch rain*) \_\_\_\_\_

How many trees \_\_\_\_\_ and/or shrubs \_\_\_\_\_ do you plan to water with the system?

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**AGREEMENT** I certify that I am the homeowner or have authority to submit this application. I further certify that all statements and representations contained in this application are true, correct, and complete. I have read and understand the rebate eligibility. I have completed each of the required items on the rebate checklist and submitted all required information and supporting documentation. I understand that incomplete applications will not be processed. El Paso Water reserves the right to cancel or modify the program without notice. Rebates are subject to funding availability. El Paso Water is not liable for any quality of workmanship, or work performed under this rebate program.