

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Enhanced Seasonal Rainwater Harvesting Rebate Program

Overview

Purchase and install a qualifying rainwater harvesting system seasonal tank and receive a one-time rebate payment of **\$0.50/litre of tank storage** (to a maximum of \$2,000) from The Corporation of the City of Guelph (the “City of Guelph”).

To qualify for a rebate, an Applicant must:

- Own a home on property located within the geographic limits of the City of Guelph.
- Be responsible for paying the stormwater fees and charges.
- Review system specifications and installation requirements for a seasonal rainwater harvesting system contained in the [City of Guelph Residential Rainwater Harvesting Design and Installation Best Practices Manual Version 3.0](#).
- Purchase a single-unit rainwater harvesting system seasonal tank ≥ 500 litres (130 US gallons) on or after January 1, 2018.
- Install the tank:
 - Ideally in accordance with the manufacturer’s specifications or approved design developed with the assistance of a certified engineer.
 - In compliance with all applicable provincial and City of Guelph building codes, zoning bylaws and permit requirements.
 - Not connected to a property’s municipal water supply or buried without consulting with the City of Guelph Building Services Department and Backflow Prevention officer. For more information, visit guelph.ca/building.
 - So that rainwater is collected from the available property roof area.
 - So that excess rainfall discharge is managed in accordance with the [City of Guelph’s stormwater management requirements](#). The overflow pipe from the tank should be appropriately sized, so as not to restrict the flow of water in the largest storm events, and must be directed away from the building and adjacent properties, flowing to a nearby rain garden, soakaway pit, or turf.
- Submit the rebate application within the calendar year during which the purchase or installation of the rainwater harvesting system seasonal tank occurred. The application must include the original proof of purchase for the rainwater harvesting system seasonal tank, itemizing individual components, the manufacturer’s product specification sheet and delivery charges (as applicable). For online purchases, a printout of the final invoice and an original packing or delivery slip is required.

The tank must:

- Be a single-unit, above-ground or buried rainwater harvesting system seasonal tank of ≥ 500 litres (130 US gallons).
- Be designed and manufactured for the direct purpose of rainwater collection. Homemade or repurposed tanks, or rain barrels connected in series, do not qualify.
- For above-ground installation, be algae-resistant and UV-resistant.
- Have a secure lid (child-proof) with leaf/debris screen intact (mosquito-proof).

Rebate

- A limited number of rebates are available, one rebate per household.
- No rebate will exceed the purchase price of the tank.
- The maximum rebate is \$2,000 per applicant, per property.
- Rebates will be provided to program participants by cheque.

Disclaimer

In offering this Program, the City of Guelph:

- Is not responsible for the selection, certification, operation or maintenance of any rainwater harvesting system seasonal tank or any related components.
- Does not guarantee or warrant any rainwater harvesting system seasonal tank or any related components, or their installation, performance, utility savings, freedom from defects, quality of workmanship or suitability for any purpose, or the suitability of the property for installation.
- May at any time, modify, suspend, or terminate this Program without prior written notice.

Agreement

In consideration of the City of Guelph receiving and reviewing a Stormwater Reuse/Capture Rebate Program application, and paying any rebate to an Applicant, the Applicant covenants and agrees to:

- Upon request by the City of Guelph, provide the City of Guelph or any of its agents, officials, officers, councillors, staff and employees (collectively, the agents) with reasonable access to the property on which the Applicant has installed the rainwater harvesting system seasonal tank, to inspect in order to verify the installation of the rainwater harvesting system seasonal tank and its eligibility.
- Permit the City of Guelph or its agents to access utility billing account information for the purpose of monitoring water consumption and savings resulting from program participation.
- Assume all costs of the operation and maintenance of the rainwater harvesting system seasonal tank and related components, and all alterations, repairs or replacements.
- Indemnify, save and hold harmless the City of Guelph, and its agents, against all liability, loss, costs, damages, expenses, causes of action, actions, claims, demands, lawsuits and other proceedings, by whomever made, sustained, brought or prosecuted, including by third parties, involving bodily injury, death, personal injury, and property damage, in any way based upon, occasioned by or attributable to the Applicant's participation in this Program.
- Maintain the tank for a minimum of four (4) years after receipt of rebate.
- Refund the rebate to the City of Guelph on request, if the application contains any material misstatement or misrepresentation on the Applicant's behalf, or if the Applicant breaches any of these terms and conditions.