

# Rain Barrel Rebate Program

## REBATE SUMMARY

A rebate of **up to \$50** is available for the purchase and installation of up to two (2) qualifying rain barrels. There is a limit of one (1) rebate per qualified account for the lifetime of the account.

A rain barrel is a rainwater-harvesting system that sits underneath a downspout and collects water that would ordinarily flow from a rooftop into the public storm water system. Rain barrel systems help to conserve water by reducing the demand on the potable water system for irrigation purposes.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), outdoor irrigation accounts for nearly 40 percent of water used by households during the summer. Rain barrels provide homeowners with a free water source to water plants, wash cars or utilize for other non-potable purposes, helping to reduce water bills.

The rainwater collected by rain barrels is superior to tap water for irrigation purposes due to its purity and softness. Rainwater is slightly acidic, and is free from chlorine, salts, mineral, disinfectant byproducts and other contaminants, making it a preferred water source for plants and flowers.

The amount of water harvested from a rooftop depends on several variables, including the dimensions of the rooftop, the collection capacity, and the amount and timing of the rain received. A typical 1,000 square foot roof surface can yield approximately 625 gallons of water collected for every 1 inch of rain that falls. Fresno receives an average of 11 inches of rain annually.

## RAIN BARREL REBATE PROCESS

1. Obtain and complete an application.
2. Purchase and install qualifying rain barrel(s). Rain barrel(s) must be installed and rebate application must be submitted **within 90 days of purchase date**.
3. Submit a completed application, photos of the installation, **AND** a copy of the itemized, dated sales receipt for the rain barrel(s) **within 90 days of purchase date**, to:

City of Fresno Water Division  
Water Conservation Program  
1910 E. University Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93703

-or-

[waterconservation@fresno.gov](mailto:waterconservation@fresno.gov)

4. Once final approval is granted, the rebate will be processed and a check will be mailed within 6-9 weeks.

# RAIN BARREL REBATE PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND CONDITIONS

## Qualifying Applicants

Residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, or multi-family customers whose meter supplies water to an irrigation system and who pay a water utility bill to the City of Fresno qualify to receive the Rain Barrel Rebate. This rebate is also available to landlords of property serviced by the City of Fresno Water Division where the tenant is the water customer. Renters or tenants must provide written approval from the property owner or property manager for rain barrel installation. New construction does not qualify.

## Qualifying Rain Barrels

Only newly purchased rain barrels may qualify for this rebate. Homemade rain barrels do not qualify. Rain barrels must have a secure cover or lid for safety and to prevent mosquitos from entering. Barrels must be on a solid, flat, stable surface. Manufacturer's installation and maintenance instructions must be followed. Rain barrels cannot be connected to the irrigation system and must be distributed with a hose or bucket.

This rebate applies only to above-ground rain capture devices that do not require pumps and backflow devices. Qualified rain barrels must be designed for the intended purpose of rain capture and must be connected to a gutter downspout.

## Rebate Details

The rebate amount is up to \$50 for the purchase and installation of up to two (2) qualified rain barrels. There is a limit of one (1) rebate per qualified account for the lifetime of the account. The rebate amount cannot exceed the purchase price of the qualifying rain barrel(s). The rebate amount does not apply to labor or other costs. Accessories and taxes are also not included.

Rebate checks will be mailed 6-9 weeks after completing the rebate process.

## Rebate Requirements

The qualifying rain barrel(s) must be installed and the rebate application must be submitted **within 90 days of purchase date**.

A copy of the original, itemized, dated sales receipt for the qualifying rain barrel(s) must be submitted with the rebate application. Clear photos of the installed rain barrel(s) must also be included with the rebate application. Applicants will be notified if an inspection is required for final approval.

The qualifying rain barrel(s) must be installed at the approved service address listed on the applicant's City of Fresno water utility billing account. Qualifying rain barrel(s) must be new and must remain installed at the specified location for **at least six (6) months**.

Incomplete, incorrect, or unsigned applications cannot be processed and will be returned to the applicant. Applicants must fulfill all program guidelines to be eligible for a rebate.

## Important Notes

- The Water Conservation Program is not responsible for materials lost by mail.
- Possession or submission of a rebate application does not guarantee a rebate approval.
- Rebates are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Funding for the Rain Barrel Rebate Program is limited to available resources.
- Rebate amounts are subject to change without notification.
- The Rain Barrel Rebate Program is subject to change or termination without notice.



# Rain Barrel Rebate Application

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Utility Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Account: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Renters/Tenants Only:

*Renter/Tenant participation requires written approval from Property Owner. (Attach to Application)*

Property Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## BUILDING INFORMATION

Complete the information below as it applies to the installation address.

**Building Type (select one):**     Single Family Residence     Multi-Family Residence/Duplex  
 Mobile Home     Condominium/Townhouse     PUD or HOA Shared Billing Account  
 Commercial     Industrial     Institutional     Other

If multi-family residence/duplex, selected unit #: \_\_\_\_\_

## REBATE INFORMATION

Application must be approved prior to issuance of rebate. Incomplete applications will be returned. The rebate value cannot exceed the cost of the new rain barrel(s). Limit one (1) rebate for up to two (2) qualifying rain barrels per qualified customer account for the lifetime of the account. A copy of the original itemized, dated sales receipt for the new rain barrel(s) must be submitted with the completed rebate application, along with clear photos of the installed rain barrel(s), within 90 days of the purchase date. Installation costs and new construction costs are not included in the rebate. Accessories and taxes are also not included.

How did you learn about this rebate? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you have purchased a rain barrel at this time if the City of Fresno did not offer a rebate?

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**Send completed application, photos of installation, and proof of purchase to:**  
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or [waterconservation@fresno.gov](mailto:waterconservation@fresno.gov)  
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## RAIN BARREL INFORMATION

Complete the information required below.

Rain Barrel Brand: \_\_\_\_\_ Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_ gallons  
Retailer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Purchase Price (without tax): \$\_\_\_\_\_ Installation date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Rain Barrels Purchased:        \_\_\_ One    \_\_\_ Two

## AGREEMENT OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The City of Fresno (City) may deny any application that does not meet program requirements. The undersigned expressly agrees that the City may inspect all items submitted for the Rain Barrel Rebate Program; that the City does not guarantee the performance of any replacement item; and that the City does not warrant any replacement item or installation to be free of defects, the quality of workmanship, or the suitability of the premises or installation. The undersigned further agrees to hold harmless the City of Fresno against all loss, damage, expense, and liability resulting from the loss, destruction, or damage to property arising out of or in any way connected with the Rain Barrel Rebate. The City reserves the right to alter this program at any time. Funding for this rebate program is limited to available resources. Rebates are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. For further information, please contact the Water Conservation Program at (559) 621-5480.

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of this rebate program.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Application Status:    Approved \_\_\_    Denied \_\_\_    Reason: \_\_\_\_\_  
Receipt Received:    Y    N                      Photos Received:    Y    N                      Installation Verified:    Y    N  
Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Rain Barrels @ \$\_\_\_\_\_ each = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Total Rebate

Date to Accounting: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCOUNTING:** Check mailed: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher No. \_\_\_\_\_