

OVERVIEW

Healdsburg Utility Department is offering a rebate for rainwater harvesting barrels and cisterns. This offer is available to residents with an active water account. 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 material cost. Total rebates for rain barrels and cisterns may not exceed \$500 per site. Minimum capacity of 50 gallons to be eligible for rebate.

TO APPLY

- 1. Research product requirements for installation, use and maintenance.
- 2. Purchase and install a qualifying rain barrel or cistern.
- 3. Submit your application with receipts.
- Rebates require a post-install site visit. Healdsburg staff will contact you to schedule a site visit.



- You must be an existing customer with an active water account.
- 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 City's backflow device requirements.
- Please contact the Planning and Building Department regarding permits if your tank is over 5,000 gallons, has a height to width ratio greater than 2:1, requires a permanent pump or electric power, is located within a riparian corridor, or requires earthwork for installation.

RAIN BARREL AND CISTERNS MUST BE

- Purchased, constructed of HDPE plastic or comparable, with at least 50 gallons ofstorage capacity, and designed for the intended purpose of rainwater capture.
- Barrels and cisterns purchased for the Recycled Water Delivery Program that are repurposed for rainwater catchment may be included in the rebate, with proof of purchase and cost.
- Secured for child safety, screened or sealed for vector control (e.g., mosquito, rodent) with a finemesh screen (1/16th inch), and designed for debris control.
- Labeled with: "NON-POTABLE RAINWATER. DO NOT DRINK".

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- Equipped with an overflow tube or pipe near the top of the barrel or cistern, directed toward a rain-garden and 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.
- Connected to rain gutter downspout, rain chain, or other effective means of capturing flow from roofs.
- Cleaned annually, including gutters.
- 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.
- 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 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 Allen Roseberry at <u>aroseberry@Healdsburg.gov</u> for more information.
- The only exception to the backflow device requirement are rain barrels and cisterns that distribute collected rainwater and are not connected to the potable water system.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Rebates are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to availability of funds.
- Rebates cover the cost of rain barrels/cisterns and materials only, excluding tax, delivery, and labor.
- Rebates will be paid to the name as it appears on the water bill, unless the account holder, indicates in writing, some other recipient of the funds.
- 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.
- Healdsburg Utility Department 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 or maintained 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 the Utility Department to use project photos for outreach and educational.
- Allow up to eight weeks for processing.



RAIN BARREL & CISTERN REBATE

APPLICATION

Utility Account Number:					
Applicant Name:					
Affiliation (checkall that apply):		Property Owner		Tenant	
Name of Property Owner (if different from above):					
Site Address (where installed):			Unit #:		
City:		Zip:			
Mailing Address (if different from site address):					
Mailing City:		Mailing Zip:			
Email:		Daytime Phone:			
Installer Company Name (if you hired an installer):					
PRODUCTS	RAIN BARREL		CISTERN		
Date Purchased					
Date Installed for Rainwater Catchment					
Storage Volume (gallons)					
Price (excluding tax, delivery and labor)					
Irrigation System Used with Rainwater (check all that apply): 🗆 Bucket 🗆 Hose 🗆 Drip 🗆 Spray					

DISCLAIMER:

Applicant expressly agrees that City of Healdsburg ("City") may inspect all properties participating in this rebate program; that City does not guarantee the performance of any product receiving a rebate; and that City 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 City 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. City 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.

Applicant Signature:	Date:
MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH RECEIPTS TO	FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
Healdsburg Utility Dept Attn: Conservation	Site Visit Date:
401 Grove St	Staff:
Healdsburg, CA 95448	Approved: \$