

City of Madera Rainwater Harvesting (Rain Barrel) Rebate



City of Madera will pay customers up to \$400 for a new qualified rain barrel purchased and properly installed.

Reduce Water Use Outdoors by using re-captured water!

To conserve water and help prevent pollution, the City of Madera is offering a rebate amount equal to 85% of the cost up to \$400 each for the purchase, installation and connection, of up to two approved rain barrels per customer account. Minimum size is 40 gallons each barrel.

Why a Rain Barrel?

Rain barrels are used to collect rainwater from hard surfaces such as rooftops. When you install a rain barrel at your home you are helping to conserve water by reducing the demand on the potable water system to irrigate your garden, and by reducing the amount of wet weather runoff that is collected and sent into the public storm water system. 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 the timing of the rain received. Madera receives an average of 11 inches of rain annually. **1,000 square feet of roof surface captures 625 gallons of water for every 1 inch of rain that falls.** Some people also add clean water to the barrel that was collected while waiting for shower water to heat.

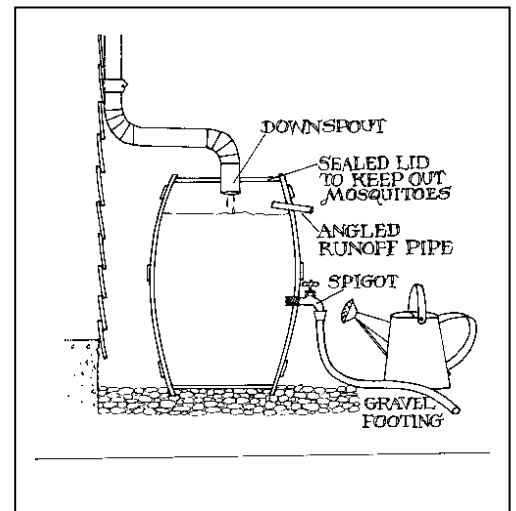
Advantage of Using Captured Rainwater

- Provide free water source for outdoor watering
- Plants and flowers prefer rainwater because it is naturally “soft”
- Minimizes the amount of water going into storm drains and ponding basins
- Helps reduce your water bill
- Relatively easy-to-install

APPLICATIONS: City of Madera Water Conservation Program: 661-5466; email: lmcperson@cityofmadera.com
or go to: www.cityofmadera.ca.gov

Rebate Process

1. Do not purchase Rain Barrel until you verify that the Rain Barrel you want meets rebate criteria listed in the *RAIN BARREL Rebate Program Guidelines & Conditions, Rain Barrel Qualifying for Rebates.*
2. Purchase and install rain barrel(s).
3. Take clear photos of the newly installed Rain Barrel (mail with application or email: lmcperson@cityofmadera.com)
4. Send signed, completed application along with a copy of original dated itemized sales purchase receipt, copy of Madera City utility bill, and photos to the Water Conservation Division.
5. Receive a rebate.
6. You will be notified if a brief inspection is required.
7. Rebate amount will be credited to your City of Madera utility account



Requirements

- Only newly purchased rain barrels may qualify for rebate; homemade rain barrels do not qualify.
- Any additional expenses (i.e. delivery, shipping, extra materials, labor) are not eligible for rebate.
- Must have a secure cover or lid for safety and to prevent mosquitos from entering, and must be on a solid flat, stable surface.
- Manufacturer's installation and maintenance instructions must be followed.
- Rain barrel cannot be connected to the irrigation system and must be distributed with hose or bucket.
- *Rebate applies only to above ground rain capture devices that do not require pumps and backflow devices.*
- *Rain barrel must be designed for the intended purpose of rain capture and must be connected to a gutter downspout.*
- Program applies to qualified rain barrels purchased and application submitted on or after 12/1/17

Who Qualifies:

- Rebate available to City of Madera water customers or landlords of property serviced by City of Madera Water Division where a tenant is the water customer.
- Limit one rebate per qualified account or one per master meter unit for a shared account. PUD's, HOA's, mobile homes, condos/townhouses or other shared billing account also qualify as individual units and may receive rebate
- Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional customers whose meter supplies water to an irrigation system. Multi-family complexes may also qualify.
- Renters or tenants must provide written approval from property owner or property manager if they are installing the barrel rather than the landlord.
- New construction does not qualify.

Application and Rebate Approval or Denial:

- Rebate is equal to 85% of the cost up to \$400 each for up to two approved rain barrels per customer account and may not exceed the cost of the barrel purchased. Rebate amounts do not apply to sales tax, accessories and installation costs.
- Qualifying barrel must be completely installed at approved service location listed on the customer's City of Madera water utility bill account. Qualifying barrels must be new; not pre-owned or leased. Rain Barrel must remain installed at specified location for at least 6 months.
- Submit completed application with legible copy of the original itemized dated sales receipt after installation of barrel, and a recent City of Madera utility bill to the Water Conservation Program. Applicant must submit photos of their installed rain barrel with the application or by email to: lmcperson@cityofmadera.com.
- Application must be submitted within 90 days of purchase of Rain Barrel.
- Incomplete, incorrect or unsigned applications cannot be processed and will be denied and returned.
- Rain Barrels are subject to inspection for program compliance by random selection. By submitting this application you are agreeing to a post-installation verification of proper installation of devices eligible for rebate. The applicant will be contacted by the City of Madera if an inspection is to be scheduled.
- Customers must fulfill all program guidelines to be eligible for rebates. Rebates will only be awarded after verification of proper installation and compliance with the Guidelines and Conditions.
- Accounts must be current and non-delinquent.

Rain Barrel Rebate Guidelines and Conditions

Other Considerations:

- The Rebate Program is not responsible for materials lost by mail.
- Submission or possession of a rebate application does not guarantee receiving a rebate.
- Rebates are processed on a first come, first served basis and funding is limited to available resources.
- *This program shall at all times be subject to change or termination without prior notice.*
- Incentives will be awarded on a one time basis to any physical address regardless of changes in property ownership.
- The City is not responsible for product performance or water savings. No warranty or guarantee of the product or the vendor is provided

Rebate subject to available funds or discontinuation at any time.