



SCRD Rainwater Harvesting Rebate Program Terms and Conditions

The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) administers the Rainwater Harvesting Rebate Program (the "Program").

1. Property owners within the Sunshine Coast Regional District, who are residential customers with an SCR D water utilities account¹, are eligible to participate in the Program.
2. Property owners must install the rainwater harvesting system on the address listed on the application form.
3. Only cisterns, or storage vessels, are eligible for a rebate. Additional materials or installation fees, such as pumps and piping, are not eligible for the rebate.
4. To participate in the Program, property owners must:
 - a. Submit a completed Pre-Approval Application
 - b. Purchase and install a rainwater harvesting system within 90 days of receiving pre-approval letter from the SCR D.
 - c. Submit a completed Claim Form, including a detailed invoice and proof of payment of a water storage vessel of at least 4,500 liters, and photos of the completed installation with a roof catchment of at least 20m², within 90 days of receiving pre-approval letter from the SCR D.
5. The SCR D will not be responsible for any late, lost, incomplete, illegible, misdirected, stolen, delayed, damaged, destroyed Applications, or other failures or circumstances affecting, or disrupting, the submission of any Applications.
6. In the event of an incomplete Application, the SCR D may void the Application if the Property Owner fails to respond within five (5) business days to all reasonable email inquiries by the SCR D with respect to properly completing the Application.
7. The Property Owner takes sole responsibility for the selection, purchase, installation and ownership/maintenance of the Rainwater Harvesting system.
8. The Property Owner is responsible for complying with the BC Building Code and the administrative policies of the local building department. The Property Owner also certifies that appropriate building and development permits are completed, if required.
9. The Property Owner is responsible for complying with zoning regulations, specifically setbacks as well as development permit areas contained within official community plans of the local planning department.
10. Should the cistern be connected to existing plumbing, appropriate backflow prevention devices must be installed.
11. **The property owner agrees to not use SCR D treated water to fill the rainwater harvesting system.**
12. The SCR D reserves the right to change or terminate the Program and these Terms and Conditions at any time without notice including but not limited to: Program eligibility criteria, dates, and rebate amounts funded by SCR D. **Rebates are available for applications pre-approved starting March 16, 2020, until Program funding is exhausted.**
13. By applying for this rebate, the Property Owner acknowledges that the SCR D may contact the Property Owner in the future to participate in a questionnaire regarding this Program.

For questions regarding the SCR D Rainwater Harvesting Rebate Program please call 604 885 6806 or email infrastructure@scrd.ca. scrd.ca/rainwater

¹ The *Local Government Act* Section 273 states "a Board must not provide assistance to an industrial, commercial or business undertaking."



SCRD Rainwater Harvesting Rebate Program Best Practices

In the planning of your rainwater harvesting system, the SCRCD asks you review the following Best Practices.

That the rainwater harvesting system:

- Is equipped with an accessible inspection hatch that allows for servicing and cleaning.
- Has an overflow pipe located near the top of the cistern that is of equal or greater diameter than the intake pipe. The end of the overflow must be directed away from the base of the tank and from house foundations, and to an area protected from erosion.
- Is placed on level ground.
- If above-ground, is opaque, painted, or located within a building to limit the entry of sunlight.
- Is protected from excessive debris accumulation by the presence of a debris trap and/or filter to clean the rain before it enters the tank.
- Has properly sealed openings, inlets and outlets to prevent mosquitoes, rodents, groundwater, and other sources of contamination from entering the tank.
- Is ventilated to accommodate pressure changes when water enters or exits the tank. Larger vents increase the oxygen supply to the stored water.
- Is not installed in the path of surface water runoff.
- Is not installed in a concave area where water could collect around the base and compromise its foundation.
- Is not (especially if constructed of a lightweight poly material) installed in an area prone to high winds, which could topple an empty tank.
- Has been freeze-protected at exit fittings and water entries.
- Is sitting on a tank pad or foundation that is capable of supporting the cistern when full (water weighs 1 kg per liter, or 10 pounds per imperial gallon). The pad should consist of a compacted soil layer, covered by a level layer of sand so that the tank load will be distributed evenly. The sand layer should be smooth, containing no sharp objects that could puncture the tank. While the underlying soil layer will shift, swell, and shrink, the sand will help to absorb this movement.
- Complies with the Vancouver Coastal Health requirements for rainwater harvesting.
- If water is used for irrigating food crops, the water should meet the BC Ministry of Farming, Natural Resources, and Industry's Good Agriculture Practices, Water Quality standards.

Visit scrd.ca/rainwater to access additional resources on rainwater harvesting systems operation and maintenance.

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