

Rainwater Harvesting Program Application

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) Rainwater Harvesting Program provides a \$100 discount per rain barrel (limit 2) or a \$350 discount on a larger capacity cistern (limit 1). Residents, businesses and schools with an active SFPUC water service account are eligible to participate.

Participants must install and maintain the rain barrel(s) or cistern according to the manufacturer's specifications. Photos of the participant's downspout and the proposed location for rain barrel(s) or cistern are required to be considered a complete application. Application and photos may be emailed or mailed to our program partner, the Urban Farmer Store. Once approved, participants may pick-up their rain barrel(s) or cistern at the Urban Farmer Store, located at 2833 Vicente Avenue in San Francisco.

Before submitting an application, please review the SFPUC's Rain Barrel or Cistern factsheet for information on permit requirements and rainwater harvesting installation and maintenance guidelines. Factsheets are available at www.sfwater.org/rainwater.

Account Information

Name on SFPUC Water Account

SFPUC 10-digit Account Number

Installation Address

Zip Code

Type of property at which rain barrel(s) or cistern will be installed (home, business, school, etc)

Applicant Information

First Name

Last Name

Daytime Phone Number

Email

Do you own the home where you intend to install the rain barrel(s) or cistern? Yes No

If not, please attach a Property Release Form with this application.

Rainwater Harvesting Program Questionnaire

- Are you applying for: 1 rain barrel 2 rain barrels or 1 cistern
- Have you read the Rain Barrel or Cistern Fact Sheet? Yes No
- Is your downspout currently connected or disconnected from the sewer system? Connected Disconnected
- Where are you planning to place the rain barrel(s) or cistern? Solid ground Deck/patio Roof Other: _____
- Will the rain barrel(s) or cistern be located on a level and stable area? Yes No
- What is your intended use of the captured rainwater? _____
- How did you hear about the Rainwater Harvesting Program? _____

Program Terms and Conditions

Rain Barrel Program Rules

- Discounts will be provided for up to two rain barrels **OR** one cistern per SFPUC customer.
- If needed, a discounted downspout diverter kit (limit 1) shall be provided per SFPUC customer.
- Participant agrees to provide proof that the property receiving the rain barrel(s) or cistern is within the City and County of San Francisco.
- If participant is not the property owner and/or is not listed on the water service account, participant must provide a Property Owner's Release Form.
- The rain barrel(s) or cistern shall be installed at a SFPUC water service address.
- Participant agrees to read the SFPUC's Rain Barrel or Cistern Fact Sheet and the manufacturer's installation instructions before installing the rain barrel(s), cistern, and/or diverter kit. Installation of the rain barrel(s) or cistern must fully comply with California Plumbing Code Chapter 17.
- A photograph of the participant's downspout and area where the rain barrel(s) or cistern will be located is required.
- The rain barrel(s), cistern, and diverter kit shall be connected to a downspout or other effective means of capturing concentrated flow from roofs or other impervious surfaces.
- For disconnected downspout installations, the rain barrel(s) or cistern is equipped with an overflow hose that shall direct excess rainwater away from adjacent buildings and/or properties and flow to a sewer service drain or landscape area with appropriate drainage requirements.
- The rain barrel(s) or cistern shall not be connected to the potable water system.
- Collected rainwater shall be utilized by a hose or bucket/watering can.
- The rain barrel(s) or cistern shall be placed on a solid and level foundation such as concrete pad, pavers, or bricks.
- The rain barrel(s) or cistern shall not block or restrict access to walkways or pathways.
- Participant agrees to perform ongoing maintenance of the rain barrel(s) or cistern to ensure it does not become a breeding site for mosquitos and thereby a public health threat.
- The SFPUC reserves the right to verify the installation of the rain barrel(s), cistern, and/or diverter kit. Failure to allow an inspection of the installed system within 30 days of request, or failure to install equipment subsidized by the program within 60 days may result in a charge to the participant's water bill for the subsidized value.
- **Participant agrees to complete a program participation survey to assist the SFPUC in identifying critical data points regarding rainwater harvesting systems. This survey will be emailed, mailed or provided via telephone.**
- Participant acknowledges that the property's water use information will be monitored for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of the Rainwater Harvesting Program.
- The SFPUC reserves the right to alter this program at any time. Funding is limited and rain barrels, cisterns, and diverter kits are available on a first come, first serve basis until funds have been depleted or the program terminates.

Your Signature

- I have read the rain barrel or cistern fact sheet, available at sfwater.org/rainwater.
- I included a photo of my downspout and the area where the rain barrel(s) or cistern will be located.
- I certify that I have read, understand and agree to the terms and conditions of the SFPUC Rainwater Harvesting Program. The undersigned expressly agrees that the SFPUC may inspect all rain barrel or cistern installations; that installation of rainwater systems may not result in lower water bills; and that the SFPUC does not warrant any components included in the rain barrel or cistern to be free of defects, the quality of workmanship, or the suitability of the premises for rainwater programs. The undersigned further agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the SFPUC, their directors, officers, and employees, against all loss, damage, expense, claims, suits and liability, including attorneys fees resulting from the loss, destruction or damage to property arising out of or in any way connected with the Rainwater Harvesting Program or installation of a rainwater system, or any technical consultation provided by the SFPUC, its contractors or any subcontractors.

Signature

Print Name

Date

Mail completed application to:

The Urban Farmer Store
Rainwater Harvesting Program
2833 Vicente Street
San Francisco, CA 94116

For questions:

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Email: info@urbanfarmerstore.com
Website: sfwater.org/rainwater