



Rainwater tank

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Home and Garden WaterWise Rebate Schemes

Rainwater tank-\$1500

Rebate available from 1 February 2008: up to \$1500 for internally plumbed tanks

What does the \$1500 rebate cover?

The rebate is available for a new rainwater tank, water bladder or other council-approved water storage device (collectively referred to as a rainwater tank), all with a minimum capacity of 3000 litres and internally plumbed to either a laundry cold water tap or toilet suite together with:

- new connections from mains water top-up devices connected to the rainwater tank
- new pump, diverters, connectors, pipes, valves and fittings
- delivery
- new slab or base.

The rebate covers both the purchase cost and installation by a plumber licensed in Queensland.

The rebate is limited to **one** claim by the current owner or tenant of the residential property.

Owners and tenants are not eligible to claim a rebate for an internally plumbed rainwater tank where a rebate has already been paid for a free-standing rainwater tank on the residential property.

Some local councils may also provide a rebate for a rainwater tank. However, the total rebate you receive from both the state government and the local council must not exceed the total purchase and installation costs.

Who is eligible?

Current owners, private residential tenants, Department of Housing tenants, management of body corporate and retirement villages with either reticulated or non-reticulated water supply are eligible to apply for a rebate once the rainwater tank has been ordered on or after 1 February 2008, paid for in full and internally plumbed.

Current private residential tenants need to obtain written approval from the owner of the residential property prior to ordering and installing a rainwater tank to ensure that approval will be granted for the internal plumbing to either a laundry cold water tap or toilet suite.

Current Department of Housing tenants need to obtain written approval from their area manager prior to ordering and installing a rainwater tank to ensure that approval will be granted for the internal plumbing to either a laundry cold water tap or toilet suite.

Management of a body corporate or retirement village are eligible to apply for a rebate for a rainwater tank that is internally plumbed to either a laundry cold water tap or toilet suite which must be located on the common area of the property. The common area is regarded as one independent property. A photocopy of the written approval or meeting minutes from the body corporate or retirement village management must be included with the rebate application form.

Compliance with state and local government

Was your home newly built after 1 January 2007?

The Queensland Government introduced new legislation on 1 January 2007. It is a mandatory requirement to have a rainwater tank internally plumbed into a newly built residential home where the building development application was lodged on or after:

- **1 January 2007** in the following South East Queensland local council areas of Beaudesert Shire, Boonah Shire, Brisbane City, Caboolture Shire, Caloundra City, Cooloola Shire, Crows Nest Shire, Esk Shire, Gatton Shire, Gold Coast City, Ipswich City, Jondaryan Shire, Kilcoy Shire, Laidley Shire,

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Logan City, Maroochy Shire, Maryborough City, Nanango Shire, Noosa Shire, Pine Rivers Shire, Redcliffe City, Redland Shire, Rosalie Shire, Toowoomba City

- 1 July 2007 in the rest of Queensland.

It is advisable to contact the local council to ensure whether or not a rainwater tank is a mandatory requirement in your local council area. For further information, go to the Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation website <www.localgovernment.qld.gov.au>.

Australian standards

Current owners and tenants should install a new rainwater tank that complies with Australian standards.

It is the responsibility of designers, manufacturers, suppliers and installers to verify the suitability of materials and products for their specific application.

Materials used in the construction of a new rainwater tank must be suitable for the intended end use and clearly show Standards Marking compliance, WaterMark compliance or Type Test Mark compliance where appropriate. Materials and products used in the installation of a rainwater tank must comply with the requirements of the national plumbing products certification scheme. They must be of an approved type, as specified under the appropriate standard under AS/NZS 5200.000, in accordance with the Plumbing Code of Australia.

Tanks are available in a wide range of materials including: polyethylene, galvanised steel, stainless steel or concrete. Tanks should be clearly marked with their compliance to the appropriate Australian Standard. Polyethylene tanks should be manufactured from food grade quality material.

Do you need to obtain council approval prior to installation?

To ensure that all state and local requirements are met, owners and tenants are advised to check with the respective local council prior to purchasing a rainwater tank to be internally plumbed.

Application requirements

The terms and conditions must be read and adhered to.

The rebate application form must be completed in full with all relevant questions answered and the declaration signed and dated.

The following, where relevant, must be included with the rebate application form:

- proof of ownership of the installation address (a photocopy of a recent rates notice) or proof of tenancy of the installation address (a photocopy of current tenancy agreement or recent electricity or gas account)
- retailer's and/or plumber's original tax invoices and/or original itemised receipt that clearly state all relevant details such as:
 - plumber's details
 - retailer's details (company name, ABN and contact details)
 - purchase date
 - purchaser's name
 - installation address
 - product details including make/model/size
 - purchase cost showing paid in full
- Photocopy of owner's approval
- Photocopy of body corporate or village management approval

Photocopies of original tax invoice and/or original itemised receipt will not be accepted unless certified as a true copy by a Justice of the Peace (Qualified) or Commissioner for Declarations.

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