St. Petersburg utility customers can earn rebates by using rainwater catchment devices that conserve potable (drinking) water and reduce the amount of stormwater runoff.

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NOTE: Collected rainwater should not be used as a drinking water source.

WHY COLLECT RAINWATER?
- Conserve potable (drinking) water used to:
  - Water potted and landscape plants
  - Refill ponds
  - Rinse off outdoor tools
  - Keep compost damp
  - Water to establish new plants
  - Provide water for wildlife, including during dry periods
- Increase the amount of water that filters into the ground to recharge the aquifer
- Enhance the beauty of your yard and our community
- Slow flow and reduce runoff volume into the community’s stormwater system
- Provide habitat for wildlife, especially plant pollinators
- Help protect local ponds, lakes and bays from pollutants like fertilizer and pesticide residue carried by stormwater

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THE REBATE PROCESS

1. Ensure that you completely read and understand the program specifics and requirements for the specific rainwater collection device you wish to install.

2. Contact RainwaterRebates@stpete.org or 727-892-5020 to request the rebate application and verify eligibility.

3. Complete and submit the rebate application, which must be signed by the property owner. If incomplete, the application will be returned.

4. The City will verify your application upon receipt and give you notice to proceed with purchase and installation of the rainwater catchment device.

5. After device installation, mail your original, itemized purchase receipt, photos and other required documents.

6. Upon receipt of your documents, the City will contact you to verify that all requirements were achieved.

7. You should receive your rebate check within four to six weeks.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Be a St. Petersburg stormwater utility customer in good standing (no pending payments over 30 days late).
- Attend a Rainwater Guardian Workshop and provide proof of attendance, no exceptions. Find the schedule of workshops at stpete.org/waterprograms.
- Provide a recent copy of the St. Petersburg utility account bill associated with the property where the installation will occur.
- Obtain and submit application signed by the property owner or representative designated by property owner.
- Provide itemized proof of purchase and other required documents for verification.
- Meet additional requirements of the specific rebate device as defined by the program.

Rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is exhausted. Limitations apply. With proper installation, maintenance and use, rainwater collection devices should function properly. The City of St. Petersburg assumes no liability for the installation, maintenance, property damage or injury that may be associated with the use of rainwater catchment devices.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: RAINWATER REBATE PROGRAM

WHAT ITEMS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR REBATE REIMBURSEMENT?

Imported soil, soil amendments, ground cover cloth, compost, fertilizer, delivery charges, labor charges, tools such as shovels and rakes, items related to property improvements such as retention walls and sidewalks, pumps, irrigation or micro-irrigation systems, cypress mulch, shell, bed edging, pavers, hoses and hose nozzles, etc. If you are considering an item that is not on this list, call or email to verify eligibility before purchase.

WHY DO I HAVE TO TAKE A CLASS?

The City wants you to succeed with creating, installing and maintaining your rainwater collection device. The educational element is designed to provide information necessary to plan and manage each device in a safe and efficient manner. Classes cover a range of topics, including mosquito control/prevention, safety concerns due to the volume and weight of the captured rainwater and animal and public safety issues.

HOW DO I PROVE THAT I HAVE ATTENDED A CLASS?

The City partners with speakers and other environmental groups to provide classes. If you have attended or will attend a class from one of these partners, and are a St. Petersburg stormwater utility customer, you should receive a voucher or other proof of attendance from the speaker or sponsor.

WHAT IF I ALREADY HAVE A RAIN BARREL, RAIN TOTE OR RAIN GARDEN?

If you can prove that you have a rainwater collection device that is in good working order (attached to a guttering system, collecting rainwater), and if the rain garden has healthy plant material and is not overgrown or weedy, you may be eligible for a rebate. An existing rain barrel must have a capacity of 40-80 gallons or an existing rain tote must have a capacity of 275 or 330 gallons to be eligible for a rebate. All other eligibility requirements must be met, including class attendance.

I RECEIVED A FREE RAIN BARREL FROM THE CITY, SO HAVE NO RECEIPT. CAN I RECEIVE A REBATE?

Yes, if you can provide proof of attendance from the class where you received the barrel, plus original receipts for installation materials, as listed in the following device-specific pages. Class attendance will be verified by the City. All other eligibility requirements must be met.

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WHERE CAN I FIND THESE RAINWATER COLLECTION DEVICES?

Rain barrels of various sizes and shapes can be found in many local retail stores and online. Local businesses also sell rain totes. An online search using the words “water tote” or “water container” along with the words “and Florida” will produce many results, including businesses that provide recycled or reconditioned products. Rain garden materials, including native and Florida-friendly plants, can be found in local plant nurseries and retail stores. When purchasing supplies, ensure that the specific device requirements of the Rainwater Rebate Program are met, such as barrels and totes that did not have oil or chemicals in them.

I RENT THE PROPERTY WHERE I WISH TO INSTALL A RAINWATER CATCHMENT DEVICE. CAN I PARTICIPATE?

Since these devices will alter the property, owner approval is required. The owner will need to read, approve and sign the application. Alternatively, the property owner can complete and sign a Property Owner Consent Form. If you are applying as a renter, call this out when you contact the City.

DON’T RAINWATER COLLECTORS ATTRACT MOSQUITOES?

Any standing water, mud puddle and other water-holding yard component could allow mosquito adults to lay eggs, and for larvae to grow. Research shows that mosquitoes require 7 to 12 days of standing water or mud to lay and hatch eggs. There are several methods and products that will help prevent egg laying and larvae growth in rainwater collection devices. This is one of the important topics we cover in our classes.

NOTE: Rainwater collected in catchment devices should not be used as a drinking water source.

Question or comment? Contact the Water Resources Department Water Conservation Office at RainwaterRebates@stpete.org or 727-892-5020.
RAINWATER REBATE PROGRAM: RAIN BARRELS

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Eligible rebate items include: barrel, downspout, sturdy platform material, screen, PVC pipe and connectors 1 1/2” diameter or greater.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed and signed rebate application
- Completed and signed Property Owner Consent Form if you are not the property owner
- Itemized proof of purchase (all original paid receipts, or Rainwater Guardian Workshop attendance voucher if free barrel was provided)
- Rainwater Guardian Workshop attendance voucher
- At least two photos of installed and connected device illustrating entire conveyance system from roof to container (photos may be used by the City for reporting and educational purposes)
PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

- Food grade barrel only, 40-80 gallons
- Container shall not have been used to store oils or chemicals
- Stable, level platform a minimum of 12” above ground level
- Screening or other material covering barrel openings
- Overflow piping of 1 1/2” in diameter or greater, pointed away from structures and impervious surfaces (surfaces that don’t allow water to seep into the ground)
- Conveyance system from roof directing water to barrel
- If connected to another collection device, the connector shall be 1 1/2” in diameter or greater

CAUTION:
A FULL 55-GALLON RAIN BARREL WEIGHS 415 POUNDS.

Rainwater Guardian Workshop attendance voucher

At least two photos of installed and connected device illustrating entire conveyance system from roof to container (photos may be used by the City for reporting and educational purposes)

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PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

- IBC (International Bulk Container) only, 275 or 330 gallons
- Container shall not have been used to store oils or chemicals
- Container shall have sturdy metal frame
- Stable, level platform a minimum of 12” above ground level
- Screening or other material covering container openings
- Overflow piping of 1 1/2” in diameter or greater, pointed away from structures and impervious surfaces (surfaces that don’t allow water to seep into the ground)
- Conveyance system from roof (such as a gutter downspout) directing water to container
- If connected to another collection device, the connector shall be 1 1/2” in diameter or greater

CAUTION:
A FULL 275-GALLON RAIN TOTE WEIGHS 2,280 POUNDS.

A rain garden is a planted depression that is designed to catch rainwater runoff and filter it back into the ground.

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Eligible rebate items include: plants, gravel or stone, downspout and conveyance piping.

**BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

1. Review St. Petersburg’s Rain Garden Design Guide at stpete.org/waterprograms for guidelines, helpful images, sample designs, lists of suggested plants and additional resources.

2. Submit a design sketch which includes identifying the garden's location in relation to all structures, plus all garden measurements (length, width, maximum depth) for City approval.


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PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

- Conveyance system from roof (such as a gutter downspout) directing water to rain garden. Adequate overflow piping of at least 1 1/2” in diameter from a rain barrel or tote is an acceptable alternative.
- Rain garden shall be placed a minimum of 10 feet from a building
- Minimum size is 50 square feet
- Maximum allowable size is 400 square feet
- Garden should not be any deeper in the middle than eight 8 inches below ground level, with gradually sloping sides (no steep drops in elevation)
- No Florida Noxious Weeds or 2019 Category 1 Invasive Exotic plants should be planted, as defined by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (fleppc.org/list/list.htm)
- Contact Sunshine Call Before You Dig and have all utility lines located for free (call 811 or request ticket online at sunshine811.com) before any excavation starts. Request should be at least two business days before digging to allow enough time for site to be marked by all utilities. If rain garden installation does not occur within 30 days after marking, 811 should be contacted once again.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Itemized proof of purchase (all original paid receipts)
- Rainwater Guardian Workshop attendance voucher
- At least two photos of installed and connected garden illustrating entire conveyance system from roof
- Final rain garden sketch as installed
- Final plant list

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