



PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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RAINWATER HARVESTING REBATE PROGRAM

The Rainwater Harvesting Rebate program was established to actively promote the responsible use of rainwater harvesting (RWH) as a sustainable water conservation practice while also incentivizing and supporting residents in adopting RWH systems through financial rebates in alignment with the mission of the Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District.

Program Overview & Eligibility

- Applicants must reside or own land within the jurisdictional boundaries of Ellis, Hill, Johnson, or Somervell counties. The location of the rainwater harvesting system itself must also be within these counties.
- Each household is allowed one rebate application and/or award every calendar year.
- The maximum rebate amount per household is capped at \$500.
- Rebate amounts are calculated at a rate of \$1.00 per gallon of storage capacity of the entire rainwater harvesting system.
- Prior to application, a preliminary drawing must be reviewed and approved by a qualified staff member to be considered as eligible expenses within the program.
- A completion inspection will be conducted by qualified staff when the installation is complete prior to rebate being disbursed.
- All applications, required documents, and systems must be complete and received by the District no later than December 1, 2024.

Rebate Calculation

The rebate amount is determined based on the total storage capacity, in gallons, of the rainwater harvesting system that the applicant installs or purchases. This rebate can be used to reimburse expenses related to the installation of the system, including but not limited to the tank(s) itself. For example, if you purchase a 250-gallon tank, and the installation requires additional materials and components such as gutters, tank foundation materials, overflow valves, etc., you would be eligible to receive a rebate of \$250.

1. *Submit a preliminary drawing for approval prior to purchasing materials*
 - The drawing must include:
 - i. General map of the system: define the location of the cistern(s) or tank(s) in relation to the catchment area, noting gutter locations, etc.
 - ii. Catchment area size: define the dimensions of the perimeter, total square feet of the area.
 - iii. Tank details: description must include the physical size of the tank, the type (poly, stainless steel, etc.), and the structure or composition of the tank foundation.
2. *Complete and submit the rebate application with the following components:*
 - Completed rebate application form.
 - A copy of the approved preliminary drawing.
 - All original receipts for the cistern(s) or tank(s) purchased – all original itemized receipts are required for the application to be processed.
3. *Schedule an inspection with District staff after completing the system installation.*

Rebate Program Agreement

These terms and conditions are in place to facilitate a fair and effective Rainwater Harvesting Rebate program, please take note of the following terms and conditions when applying:

- *Application Completeness:* Rebate applications must be submitted in their entirety and are subject to verification and the availability of funds.
- *Verification and Inspection:* PGCD reserves the right to verify and inspect the installed rainwater harvesting system to ensure compliance with program guidelines.
- *Policy Updates:* PGCD reserves the sole and absolute discretion to change any or all aspects of the Rebate Program Policy or to cancel the rebate program without prior notice. It is advisable to stay informed about program updates.
- *Processing Time:* Please allow up to six weeks for your completed application to be processed, and for you to receive the rebate check.
- *Receipts Required:* To process the rebate application, original itemized receipts for tanks and any associated components must be included.
- *Rainwater Usage:* Collected rainwater may not be used for drinking purposes as it is primarily intended for non-potable uses, such as irrigation.
- *Tank Base:* Tanks must be installed on a level base constructed of materials capable of supporting the cistern at full capacity at all times. This ensures the safe and efficient operation of the system.