



PRAIRIELANDS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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RAINWATER HARVESTING REBATE PROGRAM

The Rainwater Harvesting Rebate program was established to actively encourage residential 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 RWH system itself must also be within these counties.
- Each household is allowed one rebate application and/or award every calendar year. To qualify for rebates in multiple calendar years, you must make additions to your systems.
- 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, not to exceed \$500 per household.
- 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 each calendar year.
- Receipt(s) for the tank(s) and/or installation materials purchased must be included with the rebate application.
- RWH systems must be installed within the calendar year of the application for eligibility.
- For pre-owned tanks or barrels, or tanks purchased in a prior year and installed during the current calendar year, the rebate is limited to the lesser of \$1.00 per gallon of storage capacity or the actual cost of installation materials supported by receipts, up to a maximum of \$500 per household .
- Materials acquired through District rainwater harvesting workshops are not eligible for the rebate program.

Rebate Calculation

The rebate amount is determined based on the total storage capacity, in gallons, of the RWH 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.

Application Process & Instructions

1. *Complete and submit the rebate application with the following components:*
 - Completed rebate application form.
 - Photos of the installed rainwater harvesting system
 - All original receipts for the tank(s), barrel(s), or installation materials purchased
 - all original itemized receipts are required for the application to be processed.
2. *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 RWH 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 is intended for appropriate outdoor, non-potable uses, such as landscape irrigation, and is not intended for drinking water.
- *Tank Base:* Tanks must be installed on a level base constructed of materials capable of supporting the RWH system at full capacity at all times. This ensures the safe and efficient operation of the system.