RAIN BARREL REBATE APPLICATION

FOR SAN MATEO COUNTY





UP TO $200 REBATE

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027

Rain barrels benefit the environment, your plants, and your budget. Rain barrels:

- **Are one of the best ways to save money and water** by cutting back potable water used for irrigation.
- **Protect local creeks, the San Francisco Bay, and the Ocean** by reducing urban runoff that transports litter, motor oil, pesticides, and other pollutants into storm drains.
- **Can moderate flooding during the rainy winter season,** decrease land erosion, and also reduce the amount of moisture that reaches your home's foundation.
- **Collect rainwater**, which is free of the additives that tap water has for sanitation which will make your plants and garden thrive.

For the fastest rebate, apply online at bawsca.org

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BAWSCA
Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency
and participating water agencies
bawsca.org

Rain Barrel Rebate Amounts

Rebate amounts are effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

- **Rain barrels with a 50-99 gallon capacity:**
  $50 (+ $50 from participating member agencies) = **Up to $100* rebate per rain barrel**
- **Rain barrels with a 100-199 gallon capacity:**
  $100 (+ $50 from participating member agencies) = **Up to $150* rebate per rain barrel**
- **Rain barrels with a 200+ gallon capacity:**
  $150 (+ $50 from participating member agencies) = **Up to $200* rebate per rain barrel**

Rebates are for the amounts listed above or the total cost of the rain barrel, excluding sales tax, whichever is less.

Participating Member Agencies

- Brisbane/Guadalupe Valley Municipal Improvement District
  brisbaneca.org
- City of San Bruno
  sanbruno.ca.gov
- City of Burlingame
  burlingame.org
- Estero Municipal Improvement District (Foster City)
  fostercity.org
- City of San Mateo
  cityofsanmateo.org
- City of Millbrae
  ci.millbrae.ca.us/waterconservation
- City of Redwood City *(does not include Cal Water customers)*
  redwoodcity.org/conservation
- Menlo Park Municipal Water
  menlopark.org
- Mid-Peninsula Water District
  midpeninsulawater.org
- North Coast County Water District
  nccwd.com

Rebate Limits:
Limit of two rebates per single-family residential account or four rebates per multi-family resident or commercial account.

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ALL SAN MATEO COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE for the base rebate amounts of $50 (for a 50-99 gallon barrel), $100 (for a 100-199 gallon barrel), and $150 (for a 200+ gallon barrel) which are funded by Flows To Bay, the San Mateo Countywide Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program, a program of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County, or C/CAG. Rebates are for the amounts listed above or the total cost of the rain barrel, excluding sales tax, whichever is less.

Terms & Conditions

- Rebates are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis until all funds are expended or through the program expiration date of June 30, 2027, whichever comes first.
- Rebates are for the amounts listed above or the total cost of the rain barrel, excluding sales tax, whichever is less.
- Rain barrels must be installed on properties in or be serviced by the following cities or districts to be eligible for the additional $50 member agency rebate: San Bruno, Brisbane/Guadalupe Valley Municipal Improvement District, Burlingame, Menlo Park Municipal Water, Millbrae, North Coast County Water District, Redwood City (non-Cal Water customers), City of San Mateo, and Mid-Peninsula Water District.
- Limit of two rebates per single-family residential account or four rebates per multi-family resident or commercial account. For questions regarding rebates in excess of these limits, contact BAWSCA at (650) 349-3000 or email bawsca@bawsca.org.
- For self-made rain barrel systems, the rebate amount may be applied to the costs (before sales tax) associated with the purchase of accompanying accessories/hardware necessary for installing a rain barrel or modifying a downspout to connect a barrel (does not apply to new or replaced gutters or downspouts).
- Rebates may take up to eight (8) weeks to process.
- Rebates are issued as checks or as credits to the customer's water service account, at the discretion of the participating BAWSCA agency.

To Qualify For The Rain Barrel Rebate Program

- **Rain barrel must be installed in San Mateo County.**
- **If applicant is not the property owner** and/or is not listed on the water service account, applicant must provide the property owner/account holder's contact information.
- The rain barrel rebate application must be postmarked within **90 days of rain barrel purchase** date.
- **A copy of the original rain barrel purchase receipt must be included with the application**. If applicant submits original receipt(s) and needs them returned, they must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with their application.
- **All rebates are subject to availability of funds.**
- **Post-installation inspection** may be required at the discretion of the participating agency or the local mosquito and vector control agency.
- **Post-installation photos** must be included with the application. At least two clear photos of each barrel, taken from at least two directions, must be submitted, showing downspout connections, secured lid and overflow valve, and an 8-1/2 x 11 sheet showing the date and water account number.
- **BAWSCA and the local water agencies reserve the right to deny a rebate to any applicant that does not meet the program requirements.**

Installation Requirements ***Please Read Carefully!***

- **Rain barrel must be connected to a rain gutter downspout, rain chain, or other effective means** of capturing concentrated flow from roofs or other impervious surfaces.
- **Rain barrel must not be connected to the potable water system** and collected rainwater must be utilized via a hose, bucket, irrigation tubing, or other outdoor nonpotable water distribution system.
- **Rain barrel must be placed on a solid and level foundation**, such as concrete pad, pavers, or bricks for appropriate stability.
- **Rain barrel must not block or restrict access to walkways or pathways**, which may become a safety/emergency access issue.
- **Overflow pipe from rain barrels must be directed away from buildings** and/or adjacent properties and may flow to landscape (preferred).
- **Copper materials** (including downspouts) **are not allowed** due to potential leaching concerns.
- **Rain barrel must be maintained for a minimum of three years upon receipt of rebate**, including ongoing maintenance to ensure that the barrel does not become a breeding site for mosquitoes and thereby a public health threat.
- Manufacturer's installation and maintenance instructions must be followed.
- Participants must allow BAWSCA and San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program to reference the project and use photos submitted with the application in outreach materials, and must respond to minimal requests for information about the project for purposes of Program reporting.

Rain Barrel Requirements & Rebate Program Checklist

RAIN BARREL REQUIREMENTS & REBATE PROGRAM APPLICANT CHECKLIST

- ☐ My rain barrel is newly purchased, a minimum size of 50 gallons, and designed for the intended purpose of rain capture.
- ☐ My barrel has a secure lid for child safety and either rust-proof screening or a sealed design for vector control (mosquito, rodent) and debris control.
- ☐ My barrel is not foldable or made from thin, bendable, or flexible material.
- ☐ My barrel is algae and UV-resistant or I am using specially constructed sun barriers.
- ☐ The rain barrel is installed in accordance with the program requirements, as noted in the installation requirements.
- ☐ I completely filled out my application.
- ☐ I enclosed a copy of the original rain barrel receipt with my rebate application.
- ☐ I included two post-installation photos with my rebate application.
- ☐ I installed my rain barrel and mailed the application within 90 days of purchase.

Rain Barrel Rebate Application

Complete application, detach, and mail with original receipt(s) to:
BAWSCA 155 Bovet Road, Suite 650, San Mateo, CA 94402
For the fastest rebate, apply online at bawsca.org

Applicant First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Name of Water Agency: _____ Agency Water Service Account Number: _____

Name of Water Account (if different from Applicant Name): _____

Business of HOA Name (if applicable): _____

Installation Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

How did you hear about this program?_____

☐ I would like to Would subscribe to the Flows To Bay quarterly e-newsletter to learn about events or information to help prevent water pollution.

RAIN BARREL INFORMATION (if the information does not fit below, please attach a separate sheet of paper with the requested information):

No. of barrels at installation address: _____ Total volume of new barrel(s): _____ No. of rebates requested: _____

Manufacturer: _____ Model Number: _____

Purchase Location: _____ Purchase Date: _____
STORE NAME AND CITY

ACCOUNT TYPE:

☐ Family Residential ☐ Multi-unit Residential ☐ Commercial

Offer good for purchases made betweenJuly 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.
Application must be postmarked within 90 days of purchase.
A separate application must be submitted for each metered address.

CHECK PAYEE INFORMATION (check one):

☐ Name on water account

☐ Applicant name
(pre-approval from water agency required if Applicant is not named on water account)

AGENCY USE ONLY

Check # _____ Check date_____

Amount of actual rebate _____ Date check mailed_____

Post-inspection date _____

_____ Date _____
SIGNATURE OF REP. APPROVING

Address to send check to: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

DISCLAIMER:

The undersigned expressly agrees that BAWSCA, its participating member agencies, and the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County: 1) may inspect all properties participating in the Rain Barrel Rebate Program, 2) do not guarantee the performance of any barrel, 3) do not warrant any barrel or installation to be free of defects, and 4) do not warrant the quality of workmanship, or the suitability of the premises or the barrel for the installation. The undersigned further agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless BAWSCA and its participating member agencies including their directors, officers, agents, and employees, from and against any and all loss, damage, expense, claims suits and liability, including attorneys fees arising out of or in any way connected with the barrel(s) and its (their) installation. Applicant has read, understands and agrees to the terms and conditions listed on the Rain Barrel Rebate Program application. Applicant understands that installation of a qualifying rain barrel may not result in lower water bills. BAWSCA and its participating member agencies reserve the right to change the terms of the incentive offer at any time.

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of this rebate program

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

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