

Save Water Reduce Runoff and Pollution Collect Pure Rainwater for Your Garden

TO QUALIFY FOR THE RAIN BARREL REBATE PROGRAM

- Rain barrel must be installed in San Mateo County or within a participating BAWSCA agency (see participating agencies list inside).
- 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.
- The original rain barrel purchase receipt must be included with the application. If applicant needs receipt(s) returned, they must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with their application.
- 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.**
- Post-installation inspection may be required at the discretion of the Participating Agency or the local mosquito and vector control agency.
- All rebates are subject to availability of funds.
- BAWSCA and the local water agencies reserve the right to deny a rebate to any applicant that does not meet the program requirements.

REBATE AMOUNTS

- Rebate amounts are up to \$100 per 50 gallons of storage capacity, or up to the total cost of the rain barrel, whichever is less, including:
 - Up to \$50 for barrels installed within the service area of participating water agencies (see list inside)
 - Up to an additional \$50 for barrels installed in San Mateo County
- 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.
- 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.*
- Rebates are issued as checks or as credits to the customer's water service account.

RAIN BARREL REQUIREMENTS

- Qualifying rain barrels must be newly purchased, a minimum size of 50 gallons, and designed for the intended purpose of rain capture.
- Rain barrel must have a secure lid for child safety and rust-proof screening or sealed designs for vector control (mosquito, rodent) and debris control.
- Rain barrel must be algae and UV-resistant or specially constructed sun barriers must be used.

INSTALLATION

- 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 or bucket only.
- 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.
- Copper materials (including downspouts) are not allowed due to potential leaching concerns.
- Overflow pipe from rain barrels must be directed away from buildings and/or adjacent properties and may flow to landscape (preferred).
- Manufacturer's installation and maintenance instructions must be followed.
- 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 mosquitos and thereby a public health threat.
- 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.



and participating water agencies

(650) 349-3000

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Get up to \$100 Rebates for Rain Barrels

BAWSCA Rain Barrel Rebate Program

List of participating BAWSCA agencies and rebate amounts:
July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

- **Alameda County Water District** – \$50 per rain barrel
510-668-6534 www.acwd.org
- **Brisbane/Guadalupe Valley Municipal Improvement District** – \$50 per rain barrel
415-508-2130 www.ci.brisbane.ca.us
- **Daly City** – \$50 per rain barrel
650-991-8203 www.ci.hayward.ca.us
- **City of Hayward** – \$50 per rain barrel
510-583-4700 www.ci.hayward.ca.us
- **Mid-Peninsula Water District** – \$50 per rain barrel
650-591-8941 www.midpeninsulawater.org
- **City of Millbrae*** – \$50 per rain barrel
650-259-2348 www.ci.millbrae.ca.us/waterconservation
- **North Coast County Water District** – \$50 per rain barrel
650-355-3462 www.nccwd.com
- **Redwood City** – \$50 per rain barrel
650-780-7436 www.redwoodcity.org/conservation
- **San Jose Municipal Water System** – \$50 per rain barrel
408-277-3671 www.sjenvironment.org/waterconservation
- **City of Sunnyvale** – \$50 per rain barrel
408-730-7510 waterconservation.insunnyvale.com

–PLUS–

San Mateo Countywide Stormwater Pollution
Prevention Program – \$50 per rain barrel
for San Mateo County installations

*Millbrae also offers rebates for cisterns – more information
available at <http://www.ci.millbrae.ca.us/index>

BAWSCA Rain Barrel Rebate Program Applicant Checklist

- I installed a rain barrel in San Mateo County OR in a participating BAWSCA water agency service area
- The rain barrel I purchased meets the program requirements
- The rain barrel is installed consistent with the program requirements
- I completely filled out and signed my applications
- I enclosed 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

Please submit your application to:

BAWSCA
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San Mateo, CA 94402

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Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency

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