

Terms and Conditions: All- Season Rainwater Harvesting System Rebate Program

Overview

The All-Season Rainwater Harvesting System Rebate Program ("Program") of The Corporation of the City of Guelph ("City") provides rebates ("Rebate") to assist with the home or business owner's purchase and installation of an all-season indoor/outdoor rainwater harvesting system ("Rainwater Harvesting System").

Subject to these terms and conditions and available funding, the City will rebate up to \$2000 in respect of the purchase and installation of an approved Rainwater Harvesting System. The City reserves the right to refuse a Rebate for any property owner applying ("Applicant") that it determines is ineligible to participate in the Program.

The City reserves the right to alter, cancel, or discontinue the Program at any time. Please check the City's website at <https://guelph.ca/living/environment/water/rebates/rainwater-harvesting-system-rebate/> for the current status of the Program.

To qualify for a Rebate the Applicant must:

- Own a home or business on property located within the geographic limits of the City of Guelph, which is serviced by the municipal water and wastewater system.
- Complete, sign and submit the City's application form ("Application").
- Receive the City's written approval to participate in the Program.
- Install an approved Rainwater Harvesting System in the home or business after January 1, 2010 in compliance with Program eligibility and installation requirements noted below, and subject to written approval by the City.
- Submit proof of purchase and installation of the approved Rainwater Harvesting System.
- Provide the City or its agents with reasonable and timely access to the Applicant's property and be available for the City's inspection upon initial application and following installation of an approved Rainwater Harvesting System. The City reserves the right to withhold the Rebate based on inspection results.

- The Rainwater Harvesting System must include:
 - A rainwater storage capacity volume of 1600 litres or larger.
 - Collection of rainwater from at least 100m² of the available household roof area.
 - Provision for removal of rough debris from source rainwater as well as particulate filtration removal from purified rainwater in accordance with the Ontario *Building Code Act*, 1992, S.O. 1992, c.23, as amended (“Building Code”).
 - Provision for disinfection of all rainwater collected (through chlorination, ultraviolet light, or other standard means) in accordance with the treatment guidelines of the draft water quality standards of [Health Canada’s Canadian Guidelines for Domestic Reclaimed Water for Use in Toilet or Urinal Flushing available at <https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/canada/health-canada/migration/healthy-canadians/publications/healthy-living-vie-saine/water-reclaimed-recyclee-eau/alt/reclaimed-water-eaux-recyclees-eng.pdf>](#)
 - Provision for insufficient rainfall collection through the use of a municipal water top-up system including the addition of municipal water through means of an approved air gap.
 - Provision for management of excess rainfall discharge in accordance with site stormwater management requirements and subject to final approval of the City’s Engineering Services Department.
 - The purified rainwater possible uses are limited to toilet and urinal flushing, laundry and irrigation.

- The installation of a Rainwater Harvesting System must:
 - Be completed in accordance with all applicable laws including but not limited to specifications of the Building Code, and the Canadian Standards Association (“CSA”) Standard B.128.1-06, as amended, with system approval subject to premise inspection and final plumbing approval by the City’s Building Services Department.
 - Result in all rainwater service lines being completely marked with appropriate labelling, in French and English, indicating that the water service lines contain non-potable water.
 - Be completed by a qualified professional rainwater harvesting contractor, engineer and/or qualified plumber.

- The installation of an appropriate premise isolation device must:
 - Be completed, tested and inspected in accordance with specifications of City’s Backflow Prevention Bylaw (1991)-13791, as amended, or replaced, as required.

Rebate

- No rebate will exceed the purchase price of the Rainwater Harvest System.
- The maximum Rebate is \$2000 per Applicant, per property.
- There are a limited number of Rebates available as part of the Program, with Applications to be processed on a “first-come, first-served” basis.

Agreement

In consideration of the City receiving and reviewing a Rainwater Harvesting System Application, and paying any rebate to an Applicant, the Applicant acknowledges, covenants, and agrees:

- That the City is not responsible for the selection, certification, installation, operation of any Rainwater Harvesting System or any related components.
- That the City does not guarantee or warrant any Rainwater Harvesting System or any related components, or their installation, performance, utility savings, freedom from defects, quality of workmanship or suitability for any purpose, or the suitability of the property for installation.
- Upon request by the City to provide the City or any of its agents, officials, officers, councillors, staff and employees (collectively, the “agents”) with reasonable access to the property on which the Applicant has installed the all-season Rainwater Harvesting System, to inspect in order to verify the installation of the Rainwater Harvesting System and its eligibility.
- To permit the City or its agents to access utility billing account information for the purpose of monitoring water consumption and savings resulting from Program participation.
- To assume all costs of the installation, operation and maintenance of the Rainwater Harvesting System and related components, and all alterations, repairs or replacements.
- To indemnify, save and hold harmless the City of Guelph, and its agents, officials, officers, councillors and employees (collectively, the “agents”) against all liability, loss, costs, damages, expenses, causes of action, actions, claims, demands, lawsuits and other proceedings, by whomever made, sustained, brought or prosecuted, including by third parties, involving bodily injury, death, personal injury, and property damage, in any way based upon, occasioned by or attributable to the Applicant’s participation in this Program.
- To refund the Rebate to the City on request, if the Application contains any material misstatement or misrepresentation on the Applicant’s behalf, or if the Applicant breaches any of these terms and conditions.

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