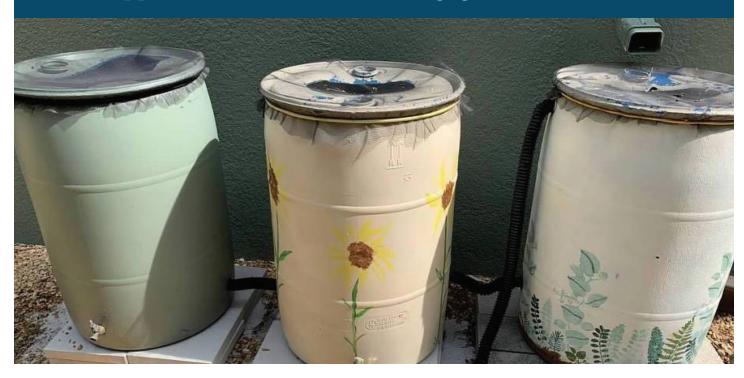


# **RAINWATER REBATE PROGRAM**



St. Petersburg utility customers can earn rebates by using rainwater catchment devices that conserve potable (drinking) water and reduce the amount of stormwater runoff.

Device Type	Rain Barrel	Rain Tote	Rain Garden
Rebate Amount	\$50	\$100	\$100

NOTE: Collected rainwater should not be used as a drinking water source.

#### WHY COLLECT RAINWATER?

- Conserve potable (drinking) water used to:
  - Water potted and landscape plants
  - Refill ponds
  - Rinse off outdoor tools
  - Keep compost damp
  - Water to establish new plants
  - Provide water for wildlife, including during dry periods
- Increase the amount of water that filters into the ground to recharge the aquifer

- Enhance the beauty of your yard and our community
- Slow flow and reduce runoff volume into the community's stormwater system
- Provide habitat for wildlife, especially plant pollinators
- Help protect local ponds, lakes and bays from pollutants like fertilizer and pesticide residue carried by stormwater



#### THE REBATE PROCESS

- Ensure that you completely read and understand the program specifics and requirements for the specific rainwater collection device you wish to install. If your device is already set up, you may still be eligible for a rebate. Contact us!
- 2. Contact RainwaterRebates@stpete.org or 727-892-5611 to request the rebate application and verify eligibility.
- 3. Complete and submit the rebate application, which must be signed by the property owner. If incomplete, the application will be returned.
- 4. The City will verify your application upon receipt.
- 5. After device installation, email, photos and other required documents.
- 6. Upon receipt of your documents, the City will contact you to verify that all requirements were achieved.
- 7. You should receive your rebate check within four to six weeks.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- ☐ Be a St. Petersburg stormwater utility customer in good standing (no pending payments over 30 days late). Look for ST on your utility bill to ensure you are a City stormwater customer.
- ☐ Attend a Rainwater Guardian Workshop. Find the schedule of workshops at stpete.org/WaterWorkshops.
- Obtain and submit application signed by the property owner or representative designated by property owner.
- ☐ Provide required documents for verification.
- Meet additional requirements of the specific rebate device as defined by the program.

Rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is exhausted. Limitations apply. With proper installation, maintenance and use, rainwater collection devices should function properly. The City of St. Petersburg assumes no liability for the installation, maintenance, property damage or injury that may be associated with the use of rainwater catchment devices.

## **VIRTUAL SITE VISITS**

Do you need help or guidance for selecting a good location for your rainwater collector? The City offers virtual site visits that usually take no more than 20 minutes and are easy to do with a smartphone or tablet. Attendance at a Rainwater Guardian Workshop is required before a virtual site visit is scheduled. To schedule, email RainwaterRebates@stpete.org or call 727-892-5611.

