



**SOQUEL CREEK  
WATER DISTRICT**

## **Rain Catchment System Rebate Application**

Soquel Creek Water District (**SqCWD**) offers rebates to customers for a variety of rain catchment systems ranging from rain barrels with a storage capacity of 50 up to 100 gallons, to larger tanks or cisterns with a storage capacity of 100 to 3,000 gallons. Captured rainwater may only be used for irrigation and other non-potable uses. Please see our website at [www.soquelcreekwater.org](http://www.soquelcreekwater.org) for more information on rain catchment systems or call (831) 475-8500 for assistance.

**This rebate requires a post-installation inspection by SqCWD personnel. Please read all the Rebate Program Requirements on the backside of this application**, including requirements for backflow prevention. The System must comply with all applicable state and local (i.e. County of Santa Cruz or City of Capitola) building codes and permit requirements. **All rebate applications require the signature of the property owner. (if different than the applicant).**

Indicate the rebate type, the number of individual barrels/cisterns installed, the total storage capacity of the system in gallons, and the purchase price of system parts and materials (excluding sales tax and labor). **Complete the Account & Applicant Information below.**

Rain Catchment System Rebate Type		Rebate Amount	Number of Barrels/Cisterns	Total Storage Capacity of System (in gallons)	Purchase Price of System Parts & Materials
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barrels/Cisterns with individual storage capacity of 50 up to 100 gallons	<b>\$25 per barrel</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cisterns/Tanks with individual storage capacity of 100 up to 3,000 gallons	<b>\$25 per 100 gallons of storage capacity</b>			

### **Account & Applicant Information**

Type of Account:  Single-Family  Multifamily  Commercial  Institutional  Other

Property address (where rain catchment system is installed)

City

Zip Code

Applicant name

Name on water account (if different from applicant)

Account Number

Assessor's Parcel Number (APN)

Applicant mailing address (if different from property address)

City

State

Zip Code

Daytime phone number

Alternative phone number

e-mail address (optional)

After completing **BOTH** sides of this application, mail application, original receipt(s) to:

**Soquel Creek Water District P.O. Box 1550 Capitola, CA 95010**

See other side for rebate program rules, requirements and signature. Incomplete or illegible applications will be denied.

## Rain Catchment System Rebate Application: Rules & Requirements

1. Rebate application must be submitted within 90 days of item(s) purchase. An original, dated sales receipt with itemized cost(s), form of payment, and name of vendor must be provided. If you need the original receipt(s) returned, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your rebate application. For online purchases, a print out of the final invoice and an original packing or delivery slip is required. Purchases of used parts, fixtures, appliances or devices will not qualify for rebate.
2. All rebate applications must be signed by the legal property owner.
3. Individual barrels/cisterns must have a minimum storage capacity of 50 gallons.
4. The maximum rain catchment system rebate is \$750 (for 3,000 gallons of storage capacity) per property. No rebate will exceed the purchase price of the item(s) or material(s). Sales tax and labor charges are not rebated.
5. Rain catchment systems must be child-proof and mosquito-proof. Mosquito-proof means that the opening to the system must be completely sealed with mesh that is at a minimum, the size of window screening. Child proof means the barrel/cistern top is sealed to prevent a child from climbing inside and drowning, and that the base is sturdy enough to prevent tipping.
6. **A backflow protection device** such as a reduced pressure principle or a double check valve is required at the water meter for any rain catchment system with make-up water from or a cross-connection to the potable water system; and/or any rain catchment system with a total storage capacity (i.e. a single tank/cistern or a combination of tanks/cisterns) **of 5,000 gallons or greater**. Backflow protection devices are required to be tested annually by a Certified Cross Connection Control Tester at the customer's expense.
7. All properties with rain catchment systems must have hose bib vacuum breakers (HBVB) installed on all hose bibs. These are provided free of charge by Soquel Creek Water District (SqCWD) during the post-installation inspection only. Subsequent HBVBs must be provided at the customer's expense.
8. A representative of SqCWD must be permitted to inspect the property to verify installation and proper construction before a rebate can be granted. Additionally, for systems with a total storage capacity of 301 - 4,999 gallons, a SqCWD representative must be allowed to conduct an annual cross connection inspection at no cost to the customer.
9. The rebate applicant must identify and comply with all applicable state and local building codes and permit requirements. For catchment systems that require a building permit, a copy of the permit must be submitted with the rebate application.
10. The rebated equipment must be installed at an existing SqCWD service address and must be installed prior to rebate request. New development is not eligible for rebates.
11. Rebates are applied as a credit that will appear on a subsequent water bill (see exceptions below). The account must be in good standing to receive a credit. Upon closing an account, any rebate credit balance will be mailed to the account holder. Allow four weeks from the date of rebate approval for credit processing.
12. You will be issued a check in lieu of a credit if: (1) your SqCWD water service is in the name of your Home Owner's Association or Condominium Board and you are the legal property owner of your dwelling unit; or (2) you are the legal property owner (but not the account holder) and you purchased the rebated item(s) for your rental property; or (3) you are the tenant of a rental property but are not the account holder.
13. Installation of any rebated device, appliance or fixture is the sole responsibility of the applicant, as is determination of the adequacy and compatibility of the existing plumbing system.
14. The applicant is solely responsible for the proper disposal of all materials associated with the installation of rebated fixtures and equipment and the SqCWD assumes no responsibility or liability. Please recycle materials.
15. SqCWD does not endorse specific brands, products or dealers; nor does it guarantee materials or workmanship; acceptance of such is customer's responsibility.
16. SqCWD assumes no responsibility or liability for any damage that may occur to an applicant's property as a result of participation in this program. Due to circumstances beyond its control, SqCWD cannot guarantee that installation of rebated fixtures or measures will result in lower utility costs.
17. The IRS requires all customers receiving \$600 or more per calendar year in rebates to be issued an IRS Form 1099 unless exemptions apply. If you have received rebates from SqCWD totaling \$600 or more in the current calendar year, you must submit a completed IRS W-9 forms form with your rebate application to receive a rebate. The Social Security or Tax ID number requested in the rebate application process is in compliance with exemptions to the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, 42 UCS 405(c)(2)(c). Social Security numbers provided as part of the application process are held in confidence under terms of the Privacy Act and are not divulged or otherwise conveyed to individuals or organizations outside the SqCWD Rebate Program.
18. SqCWD may at any time, modify, suspend, or terminate this program without prior written notice.

**I have read, understand, and agree to the Rebate Program Rules & Requirements as stated above.**

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Property Owner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 (if different than applicant)

**District Use Only:** Application approved  Total rebate Amount granted \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Application denied

Staff Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Denial: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspection by: \_\_\_\_\_ Waived  Date: \_\_\_\_\_