

Rain Barrels/Cisterns:

Rain barrels and cisterns are large storage containers, often attached to downspouts, which collect precipitation during storms. This will slow the flow of stormwater that would otherwise be coming very quickly off of your roof. The collected water can be used to water lawns and gardens (even your rain garden!).



Rain barrels are eligible for reimbursement of 50% of the cost incurred up to \$500. Your rain barrel must meet the following criteria to be considered for credit and reimbursement:

Rain barrel/cistern minimum requirements:

Best Management Practice (BMP)	Lot Size/Type	Drainage Area (ft ²)	Volume (gallons)	Other Conditions	Eligible for Credit and Reimbursement?	Reimbursement Cap
Rain Barrel	Condominium or Townhouse	250	250	None	Yes	\$500-maximum reimbursement is \$1/gallon stored
	Single Family Home on ¼ Acre or Less	500	296			
	Single Family Home on Greater Than ¼ Acre	1000	592			

What does this mean for me?

Let’s say you live in a single family home on 0.15 acres (less than ¼ acre). Your roof is 1000 square feet and you have 4 downspouts; so, each downspout drains 250 square feet of rooftop. You have connected 3 55-gallon rain barrels at two of your downspouts. So, you can store 330 gallons (6 barrels x 55 gallons each) of water (volume) coming from 500 square feet of roof (drainage area) and are eligible for reimbursement and credit. You saved receipts, took pictures before, during, and after your project. You spent \$400—we would reimburse you \$200. See appendix B for more help.

Dry Wells:

Dry wells are underground storage containers, often surrounded by gravel, that capture stormwater runoff from gutters and then gradually allow it to infiltrate into the ground water table.



Dry wells are eligible for reimbursement for 50% of the cost incurred up to \$600. Only internal volume of the dry well (not the surrounding stone) will be considered toward the overall capacity. If the dry well is filled with stone, you must provide porosity of the stone.

Dry Well minimum requirements:

Best Management Practice (BMP)	Lot Size/Type	Drainage Area (ft ²)	Volume (ft ³)	Other Conditions	Eligible for Credit and Reimbursement?	Reimbursement Cap
Dry Well	Condominium or Townhouse	250	19.79	Demonstrate A or B Hydrologic Soil Groups or 0.52 inch per hour or higher infiltration rate within 50 feet of the proposed dry well site.	Yes	\$600
	Single Family Home on ¼ Acre or Less	500	39.58			
	Single Family Home on Greater Than ¼ Acre	1000	79.16			

What does this mean for me?

Let’s say you live in a single family home on 2 acres (greater than ¼ acre). Your roof is 4000 square feet; one of your four downspouts, or 1000 square feet of rooftop (drainage area), is directed into a drywell. The drywell is a cylinder 7 feet tall and 4 feet wide. So the volume that your dry well holds is 87.9 ft³ of water; this meets the criteria You paid \$1,000; we would reimburse you \$500 against the Fee. See Appendix B for more help.