

## Capture rainwater to use how you want

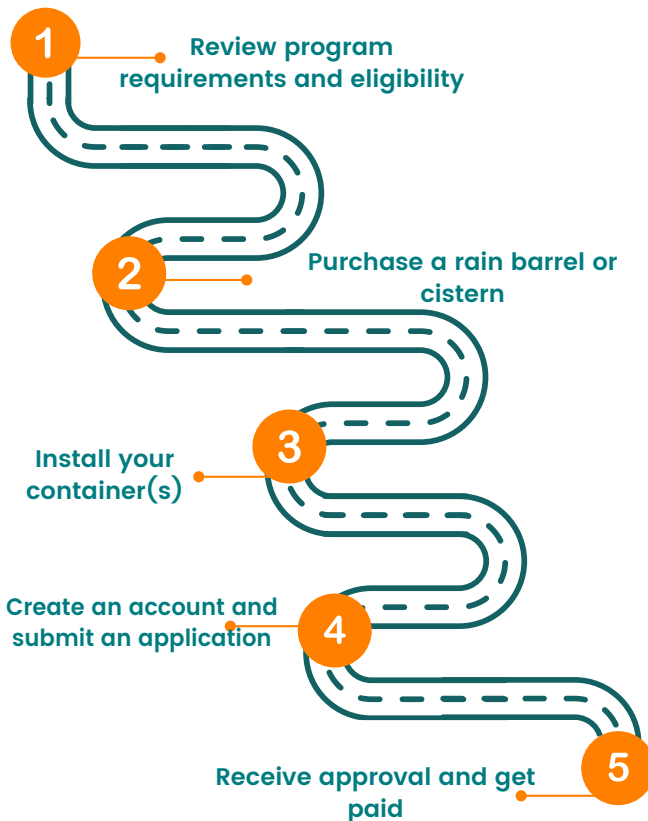
### SoCal Water\$mart's Rain Barrel and Cisterns Program

When you harvest and reuse your rainwater for irrigation, you can keep your outdoor space looking fantastic – and save money doing it. Place a rain barrel or cistern under your downspout and capture rain. You can use it to water a nearby landscape or your houseplants. Rainwater is free of chlorine and softer on your plants than irrigation water, so harvesting rain keeps both your plants and wallet happy!



Up to \$65/rain barrel OR up to \$450 for one cistern

## Program Application Process and Timeline



#### Review program requirements and eligibility

Before going out to buy a rain barrel or a cistern, make sure it meets program requirements (see below). The SoCalWater\$mart program has a limit of 2 rain barrels OR 1 cistern. If you need additional containers, the Waterscape Rebate Program offers an additional rebate for rain barrels or cisterns based on the volume of rainwater stored and will help you apply for both rebates.

#### Purchase a rain barrel or cistern

Purchase rain barrels or a cistern that meets program requirements. Keep the receipt! You will need it to apply to the rebate. You have 1 year from the date of your receipt to apply.

#### Install your container(s) and take a picture

Install the containers and take a picture of your completed project. Installation should follow program requirements (see below). Cisterns can be difficult to install and may require professional installation. Waterscape Rebate staff can advise you on finding a contractor if needed.

#### Create an account and submit an application

Go to the SoCalWater\$mart website and select residential. In the top section click "Rebates," and "Apply for Device Rebate." Create an account so you can save your progress or check your status later. You will need a copy of your most recent water bill, the picture of your project, and the receipt for your container. Make sure to save your application number so you can log in later! You will receive an automated email to confirm submission of your application.

#### Receive approval and get paid (6-8 weeks)

If approved, you will receive an email within 3 weeks. Projects are subject to inspection. Rebate checks will be mailed 6-8 weeks after approval. Checks become void after 90 days.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What are the requirements for rain barrels?

Property must have existing gutters throughout the entire perimeter of the roof and existing downspouts for proper water collection. Please contact [info@waterscaperebates.com](mailto:info@waterscaperebates.com) if you don't have gutters.

If used as stormwater retention feature for the Turf Replacement program, the barrel should be installed in and drain to the project area.

To be eligible, the rain barrel must capture between 50 gallons and 199 gallons.

Rain barrel must be designed for the intended purpose of rain capture (no trash cans or homemade barrels).

Rain barrel must have a cover to prevent mosquitoes, rodents, and debris from entering the barrel.

Rain barrel must be mounted so that the barrel receives all water unimpeded from the downspout.

Rain barrel should not block or restrict access to walkways or pathways.

Rain barrel must be used for rain capture only and cannot be connected to a gray water system or an irrigation system (please use a cistern). Rainwater collected can be distributed through a hose or bucket.

Rain barrel must have an overflow spigot with mosquito netting.

Rain barrel should be elevated 6 inches off the ground on a solid foundation. If the height of the barrel is twice the width, rain barrel must be strapped to your home.

Projects should follow any other requirements listed on the SoCal Water\$mart website.

### What are the requirements for cisterns?

Property must have existing gutters throughout the entire perimeter of the roof and existing downspouts for proper water collection. Please reach out to the Waterscape Rebate Program staff if you don't have gutters.

If used as stormwater retention feature for the Turf Replacement program, the cistern should be installed in and drain to the project area.

Cisterns must be made out of rigid material. Collapsible or flexible cisterns are not allowed.

Cisterns must have a capacity of at least 200 gallons.

Cisterns can be installed above or below ground. If above ground, cisterns should be elevated 6 inches off the ground. Cisterns should not block or restrict access to walkways or pathways.

Cistern must be installed so that the cistern receives all water unimpeded from the downspout.

Homemade cisterns are not allowed.

Cistern must have a cover to prevent mosquitoes, rodents, and debris from entering the cistern. Cistern must have an overflow spigot with mosquito netting.

If the height of the cistern is twice greater than the width, cistern must be strapped to your home.

Projects should follow any other requirements listed on the SoCal Water\$mart website.

### What do I need to apply?

Copy of recent water bill

Container receipt

Photo of installed container(s)