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Dear RainWise Contractors,

Happy New Year!

Do you have something you'd like to discuss? We are here for you. Setting up a meeting with the RainWise Program manager is easy! Just give me a call or send me an email. My phone number is 206.684.5855 and I can be emailed directly at tom.gannon@seattle.gov.

RainWise is jointly run by SPU and King County and we have a team of people who are dedicated to getting the word out about RainWise to the public. Do you know of any events that we can send staff to so we can promote RainWise? Do you have a suggestion that could make our installations better? Some things we can do, some things we can't, but I won't know until you ask. Let us know!

Best wishes for a rainy and productive winter,

Tom Gannon, SPU RainWise Program Manager

2019: Year in Review

Thanks to the work of all our contractors, over **190** RainWise installations were completed in 2019! That means that an additional **240,000 square feet of roof area** is now managed.

This was a huge year for cisterns as about **65 percent** of total RainWise projects included at least one cistern (8 percent included rain gardens and cisterns).

RainWise is close to hitting the milestone for **2000** installations. Collectively, since the program began in 2010, we have installed over **1,800** cistern and/or rain garden projects. We are now managing almost **2.5 million square feet of roof area** – that's about **56 acres of roof diverted to green stormwater infrastructure** (and larger than all of Jefferson Park)!

We could not achieve any of this without you. If there is anything we can do to help your business have a more successful and productive 2020, please contact us.

ASK AN INSPECTOR



I am a new contractor and will have my first post-inspection soon. Do you have any tips to help me pass this inspection the first time?



It is often the little things that prevent a post-inspection from passing. Do a quality check of the work before the post-inspection with enough time to fix the problems you find. Don't wait until an hour before the inspection! Here are some things to look for:

- ◆ Be sure pipes are properly glued and horizontal lines are supported every 4 feet;
- ◆ Be sure downspouts are installed and side sewers are capped;
- ◆ Be sure to bury piping from downspouts to rain garden;
- ◆ Be overgenerous with rain garden soil. Make sure berms are compacted during the summer months.

Contact Us

For general questions about the RainWise program: rainwise@seattle.gov.

To schedule a pre- or post-inspection: inspectionrequest@seattle.gov or call 206.615.0550.

For questions about an installation or a specific property, please contact your Seattle Public Utilities or King County RainWise inspector.

Want to Meet New Customers?

Sign up at tinyurl.com/RWcontractor

We hold multiple events each month to share the RainWise program with eligible residents.

You are welcome to attend these events to meet new customers to grow your business! Visit

700milliongallons.org/events

for more information about individual events.

February 10th 6 - 7:30pm RainWise Meet-Up

NE Seattle Library, 6801 35th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115

February 18th 6 - 7:30pm RainWise Meet-Up

Montlake Library, 2401 24th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112

February 19th 6 - 7:30pm RainWise Meet-Up

Rainier Beach Library, 9125 Rainier Ave S, Seattle, WA 98118

February 22nd 10 am - 12 pm RainWise Fest

Highland Park Improvement Club, 1116 SW Holden St, Seattle, WA 981062

The Who and What of the RainWise Outreach Teams

EnviroIssues works in SPU basins in North Seattle and with Pacific Stormwater to support contractor engagement. The team is new to the RainWise Program and is excited to jump in and attract new RainWise customers and support contractors by using varied and equitable engagement efforts. They will support customer engagement, contractor engagement, and developing and refining outreach tools.

Sustainable Ballard is comprised of consultants who work in King County basins in North Seattle. Sustainable Ballard leads our RainWise Meet-Ups (formerly RainWise Workshops) across the north end neighborhoods and tables at multiple local events each year. They also deliver maintenance check-ups, maintain our contractor rosters, write customer stories, and more.

ECOSS includes consultants who work in King County and SPU basins in South Seattle. They have staff who speak multiple languages and experience working with diverse communities. ECOSS also leads our work to bring bilingual contractors into the RainWise program.

Urban Systems Design (USD) consultants work in King County basins all throughout Seattle and specialize in RainWise Big Roof properties (>2000 sf). They also manage the 700milliongallons.org/rainwise website and collaborate with Sustainable Ballard and ECOSS to produce all digital media and marketing for RainWise.

The Garden Hotline (Tilth Alliance) answers questions about RainWise by phone six days a week and host tables with RainWise information at multiple events.

Fall 2019 Contractor Orientation Follow-Up

38 new potential RainWise contractors attended the Contractor Orientation last November. So far, we've welcomed 3 new contractors to the program. Welcome **Dynamic Waters, Acer Gardens, and Plant People NW!** As a reminder, new contractors have a year to get started. If you haven't started a project by January 2021, we will remove your business from our website and rosters. You are always welcome to rejoin by contacting us. And you are welcome to take the training again at any time. If you attended the training, but still need to be added to the website and rosters, make sure to send your completed paperwork to tasha.bassett@seattle.gov.

If you no longer want to be part of the RainWise Program, please email rainwise@seattle.gov.