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Southeast Seattle
Do your part to protect Puget Sound

With every storm, rain carries pollutants off our roofs, driveways and other hard surfaces to local creeks, Lake Washington and Puget Sound. During big storms, the sheer volume of this “stormwater” can cause sewer overflows, and erode hillsides and stream banks. RainWise rain gardens and cisterns can manage this runoff with your help.

RainWise is a rebate program that helps eligible* property owners manage stormwater by installing rain gardens and/or cisterns on private property. This prevents flooding, adds attractive landscaping, and can provide water for summer irrigation.

- Over 2,000 projects completed in Seattle
- Project cost can be covered up to 100%
- Average residential rebate amount is $4,400

Preventing polluted runoff is the key action to protect our waterways.

Be part of the solution! By slowing and cleaning runoff on your property, you are positively impacting the whole system. Rain gardens and cisterns on your property are a great way to start. One residential rain garden can divert 70% to 100% of the rain runoff from a property.

Get RainWise with your neighbors!
When you and your neighbors choose the same contractor, the process can be more cost-effective for everyone... and more stormwater will be managed on site. Win-win! Contact us and we will help you organize a “cluster” project.

What your neighbors are saying about RainWise:

“People walk by all the time and comment on our rain garden. It’s wonderful to know that they also are helping Puget Sound—a win-win.”

“I am thrilled to be a part of Seattle’s RainWise program and doing what I can to help our Sound.”

“With my cisterns, I can use the water in my garden during the summer and help manage stormwater in the winter!”

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How does a RainWise **cistern** work?

A **cistern** is a large, above-ground container used to collect roof water. It is like a huge rain barrel and can hold 200 or more gallons. During the winter, RainWise cisterns collect rain and slowly release it to the sewer system. In the summer, the water can be collected and used for watering.

RainWise cisterns are especially equipped to let water trickle out slowly during the winter months. This ensures the cistern empties after each storm and is ready to fill during the next rainfall.

**FAQ**

*How much will my rebate be?*

Your rebate will be based on the square footage of roof area being managed. A consultation with a contractor will include an estimate of the rebate amount and a discussion of options available for your property. Your final cost (if any) will be the total project cost, minus the rebate amount. RainWise rebates cover 60%–100% of project costs and are considered taxable under federal law.

For more information, visit rainwise.seattle.gov. Contact us at rainwise@seattle.gov.
SE Seattle RainWise Contractors

Ready to get RainWise? Curious to learn more? Consult with a RainWise contractor* to find out what’s possible on your property!

Steps to becoming RainWise:

1. Check eligibility: Use our eligibility map at rainwise.seattle.gov.

2. Contact contractors**: Choose contractors from the list we’ve provided to the right.

3. Your contractor will handle pre-inspection, build, and post-inspection.

4. Get your rebate! Submit your rebate package and receive your rebate within 6-8 weeks.

Visit 700milliongallons.org/rainwise for tips on maintenance, resources and more!

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FAQ

How do I choose a contractor?
It’s kind of like choosing a roofer or plumber – who do you want to work with? Check their websites and references, get suggestions from neighbors, have a consultation and references, get suggestions work with? Check their websites or plumber – who do you want to

Having trouble connecting with a contractor? Email rainwise@seattle.gov, we can help!

KEY

Types of installations offered:

- = rain gardens
- = rain gardens + cisterns
- = cisterns
- = can do hardscape and/or construction

S = Habla Español
V = 能 Tiếng Việt
C = 说广东话
M = 说普通话

*Check our website: 700milliongallons.org/rainwise/find-a-contractor/ for the most up-to-date list of contractors working in your neighborhood.

Updated April 2023
**SE Seattle is getting RainWise!**
Plan an outing to check out some rain garden and cistern installations. These RainWise installations are all part of the RainWise Big Roof Program.

1. Hawthorne Elementary School 4100 39th Ave S
2. Lakewood Seward Park Nbrhd Assoc 4916 S Angeline St
3. Community Church of Christ 4820 S. Morgan St
4. MLK Jr. Elementary 6725 45th Ave S
5. Tiny Tots Development Center 8302 1/2 Renton Ave S
6. Rainier Beach Presbyterian Church 9656 Waters Ave S
7. Amazing Grace Lutheran Church 10056 Renton Ave S

Below are private RainWise properties. Please respect their property and observe from the sidewalk only.

8. 3422 33rd Ave S
9. 3856 41st Ave S
10. 4201 37th Ave S
11. 4800 49th Ave S
12. 5420 57th Ave S
13. 5526 S Holly St
14. 7202 Seward Park Ave S
15. 4635 S Myrtle St
16. 4802 S Othello St
17. 4609 S Kenyon St
18. 10737 68th Ave S

= rain garden(s)
= rain garden(s)+cistern(s)
= cistern(s)

The lines on the map mark the areas that are eligible for RainWise rebates. Other areas of the City are also eligible — indicated in yellow at the left. Tell your friends to check their eligibility at rainwise.seattle.gov!

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