North 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!”

*To receive a rebate, you must live in an eligible combined sewer overflow (CSO) basin. Rebate varies from $3-4 per square foot of roof area captured, with a minimum of 400 square feet required for the rebate.
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.

Cisterns come in several shapes, sizes and colors.

**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 taxable under federal law.

For more information, visit rainwise.seattle.gov. Contact us at rainwise@seattle.gov.

How do RainWise **rain gardens** work?

A **rain garden** is a shallow depression containing spongy soil and a variety of plants. It collects water from your roof downspout and allows it to slowly soak into the ground. The soil and plants act as a natural filter, cleaning the water before it enters the ground or a nearby waterway.

Rain gardens can include a variety of plants and a design of your choosing.
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 rainwise.seattle.gov for tips on maintenance, resources and more!

King County Seattle Public Utilities

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 with more than one and see whose ideas and pricing fit best for you. These contractors went through our RainWise Orientation, and are licensed, bonded and insured. Please evaluate them on their experience.

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

North Seattle RainWise Contractors

Ballard RainWater Systems
(206) 931-6345
robertbeckerjr@aol.com

Batt + Lear
(206) 301-1999
info@battandlear.com
www.battandlear.com

Bristow Enterprises
(206) 841-1964
jameseb63@gmail.com

Contemporary Homestead
(206) 954-3995
info@contemporary-homestead.com

Design Scales
(206) 745-0284
shad@designscales.com
www.designscales.com

Dirt Corps
info@thedirtcorps.com
www.thedirtcorps.com

Earthing Design
(206) 607-7881
info@earthingdesign.org
www.earthingdesign.org

Eco-Restore Ecological Consulting & Design
(360) 350-6625
consult@ecorestore.com
www.ecorestore.com

GEC NW
(253) 225-1106
sean@gecnw.com
www.gecnw.com

Giang Landscaping & Gardening
(206) 370-5795

HomeGrown Organics
(206) 498-8785
hello@hgo-organics.com
www.hgo-organics.com

Hop Gardening
(425) 306-1380

Justin’s Landscaping
(206) 390-1463
https://justinslandscaping.business.site

Kaleidoscope Landscaping
(206) 533-1122
info@kaleidoscopeinc.net
www.kaleidoscopeinc.net

Kat with a K Landscaping
(206) 850-2609
kat@katslandscaping.com
www.katslandscaping.com

Lacewing Fine Gardening & Botanical Design
(206) 319-8659
britt@lacewingseattle.com
www.lacewingseattle.com

Liang’s Construction
(206) 501-0292

Lumo Landscape
(206) 349-7092
lumolandscape@gmail.com
www.lumolandscape.com

Monsoon Rain Gardens
(206) 782-0418
info@monsoonraingardens.com
www.monsoonraingardens.com

Product Water
(206) 450-0231
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www.productwater.com

Rain Dog Designs
(253) 389-2060
(253) 459-3539

Regeneration Landscaping
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www.regenlandscaping.com
206-473-0621

Sandstrom Construction
(206) 235-3373
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www.sandstromconstruction.com

Scot Specialty Contractors
(602) 206-7601
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Shooting Star Gardens
(206) 383-6498
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Sustainable Rain Management
(425) 244-5320
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Thriving Garden Design
(206) 326-9732
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www.thriving-garden.com

Vireo Design Studio
(206) 409-9970
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www.vireos.com

Walt’s Organic
206-297-9092
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Watooin Contractors
206-397-2996
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Zhen Xin Chen
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Types of installations offered:

= rain gardens
= rain gardens + cisterns
= cisterns
= can do hardscape and/or construction
= Habla Español
= Nói Tiếng Việt
= 说广东话
= 说普通话
= 日本人が話す

Updated Sept 2021
Your neighbors are RainWise! Plan an outing to check out some rain garden and cistern installations. These RainWise neighbors have kindly consented to have their properties listed on this map and invite you to come by and look at their rain gardens and/or cisterns. Please respect their property and observe from the sidewalk only.

During heavy rains, pipes that carry sewage and stormwater together can overflow through relief points called combined sewer overflows (CSOs). CSO outfalls that are fed by this area overflow more often than others in the City – so if you live in the shaded area, it’s extra helpful to get RainWise! You’ll be managing stormwater that falls on your property on site, instead of contributing to this overflow problem. Thank you!

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