



RainWise Rebate Overview

In order to meet stormwater permit requirements, Seattle Public Utilities and King County Wastewater Treatment Division are addressing combined sewer overflows (CSOs) with a combination of traditional “gray” and “green” stormwater infrastructure. In target areas, qualifying properties may be eligible to receive a rebate of up to \$7.00 for each square foot of runoff controlled using a rain garden and/or cistern, both forms of green infrastructure.

To qualify for the RainWise Rebates:

- 1) Qualifying rain gardens or cisterns must be installed on properties within a target CSO basin. Maps of eligible basins are posted at <http://www.700milliongallons.org/rainwise/eligibility-map/>.
- 2) Work must be completed by a contractor who has completed the RainWise contractor orientation, is licensed to do business in Seattle and the state of Washington to be eligible. RainWise maintains an approved contractor list at <https://www.700milliongallons.org/rainwise/find-a-contractor/>. For information on licensing and hiring contractors, check the Labor and Industries website <https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/contractors/hiring-a-contractor/>.
- 3) For all RainWise installations, RainWise design requirements must be met and verified by a RainWise inspector. This will be confirmed through a successful completion of a final inspection.
- 4) Rebate applications must be received within 90 days after approval of the installation by a RainWise inspector.

Steps to getting your project started and getting your rebate:

- 1) Verify that you live within an approved CSO basin area. Qualifying areas can be found on the RainWise website at <http://www.700milliongallons.org/rainwise/eligibility-map/>.
- 2) Contact a contractor (see <http://www.700milliongallons.org/rainwise/find-a-contractor/>). Contractors who have attended the RainWise contractor training workshops are familiar with the requirements of the program.
- 3) Choose your contractor and make a plan. The contractor will make arrangements for a pre-construction inspection. Some contractors are sufficiently experienced and are permitted to forego the pre-construction inspection and will submit a Notice of RainWise Project form.
- 4) Review COVID-19 Jobsite Requirements at <http://cdhd.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/Phase-1-Construction.pdf>. Contractors are obligated to follow these state mandated requirements.
- 5) After the pre-construction inspection is approved or Notice of RainWise Project form is submitted, they may construct your rain garden or cistern.
- 6) The contractor will make arrangements for a final inspection by a RainWise inspector upon completion.
- 7) Make sure your contractor shows you how to maintain your system or that you contract with them to maintain the system.
- 8) **RainWise Rebates may be considered income under federal tax law.** As part of your rebate package submittal, applicants must complete and sign IRS Form “W-9”- “Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification”. *You should consult with your tax advisor regarding potential tax consequences of receiving a RainWise Rebate.*
- 9) Within 90 days of the final inspection approval, fill out your rebate package. To be sure your submission is complete be sure to use the RainWise rebate Checklist. Send the completed rebate package to:

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