



City of Buda Rain Barrel Rebate FAQ's

Why is the City offering a rebate on a rain barrels?

With increasingly unpredictable weather patterns, the necessity for water conservation is becoming a permanent mindset for most Central Texans. Collecting rainwater and storing it for future use during dry times is a great way to practice water conservation. One of the easiest and least expensive methods for homeowners to begin collecting rainwater is to install rain barrels at their residence. The barrels are small enough and manageable enough to provide an entry level experience into rainwater harvesting. The collected rainwater is water ideal for watering potted plants or gravity irrigating small landscaping installations in close proximity to the rain barrel.

Who is eligible for the rain barrel rebate?

Only Buda residents that receive water service from the City of Buda and are current on all bill payments are eligible to receive a rebate.

How do I know if my water is provided by the City of Buda?

Your monthly utility bill will include separate charges for all city services provided by the city. Please verify that you are billed for both water and wastewater on your city utility bill. If you need help determining if you are a City of Buda water customer, please call 512-295-8845.

I receive wastewater services, but not water services from the City of Buda.

Why am I not eligible for the rain barrel rebate?

This rebate program uses funds specifically allocated for water conservation programming, therefore the rebate is only available to residents that receive and pay for water service from Buda.

Where do I get the rain barrels from? How much do they cost?

The City has partnered with Poly-Mart in Austin, Texas to make rain barrels available. Through this partnership, three styles of rainwater harvesting containers are available:

50 gallon SpringSaver Barrel (\$59.99 to \$64.99 before rebate)

54 gallon RainSaver Barrel (\$84.99 before rebate)

100 Gallon Rainharvesting Tank (\$164.95 before rebate)

Rain barrels/storage tanks may be viewed and purchased online at www.cityrainbarrelprogram.org



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How much is the rebate?

The City will rebate \$0.50 per gallon of storage on up to two (2) rain barrels or one (1) 100 gallon rain harvesting tank per City of Buda water utility account. The table below shows shows the cost after rebate for City of Buda water customers.

Equipment	Event Cost	**Cost after City of Buda Rebate
SPRINGSAYER 50 RAIN BARREL - ALL OTHER COLORS	\$59.99	\$34.99
SPRINGSAYER 50 RAIN BARREL - RECYCLED BLACK	\$64.99	\$39.99
RAINSAVER 54 GALLON RAIN BARREL	\$84.99	\$57.99
100 GALLON RAINWATER HARVESTING TANK	\$164.99	\$114.99
3" LEAF EATER ADVANCED - FOR 100 GALLON	\$27.95	\$22.95
3" FIRST FLUSH DIVERTER KIT - FOR 100 GALLON	\$24.95	\$19.95
DOWNSPOUT DIVERTER KIT - FOR RECTANGULAR DOWNSPOUTS	\$15.99	\$10.99
DOWNSPOUT DIVERTER KIT - FOR ROUND DOWNSPOUTS	\$21.99	\$16.99

****You must be a City of Buda water customer to receive this rebate. Please call 512-295-8845 before purchase to verify.**

How will I receive the rebate?

The rebate will be issued as a credit to the water portion of your city utility bill. The rebate credit may take up to 2 billing cycles to appear on your utility bill

Who installs the rain barrels?

The purchaser assumes all responsibility and liability for transporting, installing, and maintaining the rain barrel or storage tank. Rain barrel installation should be for irrigation purposes only, and should not be used for potable (drinking) water.

I am a City of Buda water customer and I already have a rain barrel installed.

Am I eligible for a rebate?

No. The rebate program is not retroactive. Rebates are only good for equipment purchased on or after June 1, 2016.

Why is the City partnering with this company?

- Poly-Mart produces attractive looking rain barrels that are both aesthetically pleasing and functional.
- Rain barrels/storage tanks produced by Poly-Mart come in a variety of colors, offering the homeowner many choices for blending the containers into their outdoor environment.
- Made in Texas! The equipment produced by Poly-Mart is made in Austin and San Antonio.



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Do I have to buy a rain barrel from Poly-Mart/www.cityrainbarrelprogram.org to receive a rebate?

No. Qualifying customers that purchase a rain barrel from a different manufacturer may apply for the rebate under the following conditions:

- Valid proof of purchase in the form of an original receipt must be provided to City staff for verification
- The equipment purchased must be manufactured and sold as a rain barrel and expressly designed for capturing rain water.
 - Trash cans, food barrels, chemical totes or other converted containers do not qualify for this rebate.
- The rain barrel/storage tank must have appropriate mesh screening to prevent mosquitoes from accessing and breeding in the stored water.
- The rebate is limited to rainwater containers between 50 and 100 gallons

How many rain barrels can I receive a rebate for?

Each City of Buda water utility account may receive a rebate for two (2) rain barrels or one (1) 100 gallon rainwater storage tank.

Who installs the rain barrels?

The purchaser assumes all responsibility and liability for transporting, installing, and maintaining the rain barrel or storage tank.

BEFORE YOU PURCHASE A RAIN BARREL:

Please consult your HOA to ensure that placement of the rain barrel/storage tank will not violate any covenants or restrictions. It is the home owners' responsibility to ensure rain barrels/storage tanks are compliant with HOA requirements prior to purchase.

If you are seeking a rebate, please review your monthly utility bill to ensure that you are a water customer of the city of Buda before purchasing a rain barrel.

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