



CITY OF MORRO BAY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
955 Shasta Avenue
Morro Bay, CA 93442

RAIN BARREL REBATE PROGRAM

This program is subject to change without notice and is subject to the availability of funding.

Program Goal:

The intent of the program is to give homeowners in Morro Bay the financial incentive to reduce the amount of water used for outdoor irrigation for collecting rainwater to use in your landscaping.

Background:

Rain barrels are used to collect rainwater from hard surfaces such as rooftops and store it for later use. They are low-cost systems that allow you to supplement your water supply with a sustainable source and help preserve local watersheds by detaining rainfall. When you install a rain barrel at your home you are helping to maintain a healthy urban watershed by reducing the demand on the potable water system to irrigate your garden, and by reducing the amount of wet weather runoff that is collected and sent into the public storm water system, which goes untreated into our bays and estuaries.

Rebate:

If all of the terms and conditions are satisfied, a rebate of up to \$50 will be mailed to the applicant. Customers will receive up to \$50 for the purchase of a rain barrel that is 50 gallons of storage capacity or more, not including sales tax whichever is less.

How to Participate:

- Read, complete, and submit the “Rain Barrel Rebate” application (applications can be found online at www.morrobayca.gov/waterconservation under “Water Conservation rebate Programs”, or can be picked-up at Public Works 955 Shasta Ave).
- Call for a pre-retrofit discussion, to ensure the program is right for you by calling Damaris Hanson at 772-6265
- Arrange a post- inspection verification by calling 772-6265 or email dhanson@morrobayca.gov
- Please allow up to thirty (30) days for the rebate check to arrive after your post verification appointment.

NOTE: The City of Morro Bay does not warrant or assume any liability for the design, manufacture, installation or operation of any irrigation valves obtained under this program.

Terms and Conditions:

PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY. In order to receive a rain barrel rebate from the City, the applicant must completely fill out the application and comply with the requirements on this form. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

1. The property receiving the rain barrel rebate must be a water customer of the City of Morro Bay.
2. Your utility account must be in good standing.
3. The purchase must be made on or after July 14, 2015. The City will not honor rebates for purchases prior to the above date.



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4. The application form must be completely filled out.
5. Applicant must attach a legible copy of a valid, dated sales receipt to this application.
6. Installation must be completed within six (6) months following receipt of the City's executed application. Once the City receives notice of installation completion, any wait time for the City's final inspection shall not be counted against this six-month period of time. The converted area must remain in compliance with all program terms and conditions for a period of five (5) years following receipt of the rebate. An applicant may be required to refund the entire rebate, or a portion thereof, if rebate program terms and conditions are violated. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this requirement is void upon transfer of ownership.
7. Once the City is notified of a complete installation, the City will conduct an inspection to verify program compliance. If the conversion fails inspection, the applicant will be permitted to bring the conversion project into compliance with the program terms and conditions for a period of sixty (60) days or the remainder of the six-month period, whichever is greater.
8. The City enforces only the terms and conditions of this application. The applicant is solely responsible for complying with any and all laws, regulations, policies, conditions, covenants and restrictions that may apply and for any and all liabilities arising out of a conversion project. Applicants are encouraged to consult any applicable covenants, conditions and restrictions ("CC&Rs") or neighborhood Homeowner's Association ("HOA") regulations that may apply to an anticipated conversion project prior to submitting an application with the City. Applicants must also comply with all state and local laws relating to landscape maintenance. The quality, maintenance and appearance of the conversion are the exclusive responsibility of the applicant. Rebates may be considered taxable income.
9. For self-made rain barrel systems, the rebate amount may be applied to the costs (before sales tax) associated with the purchase of accompanying accessories/hardware necessary for installing a rain barrel or modifying a downspout to connect a barrel (does not apply to new or replaced gutters or downspouts).
10. Qualifying rain barrels must be newly purchased, a minimum size of 50 gallons, and designed for the intended purpose of rain capture.
11. Rain barrel must have a secure lid for child safety and rust-proof fine mesh screening (e.g., like that on a window screen) or sealed designs for vector control (mosquito, rodent) and debris control.
12. The rain barrel must be connected to a rain gutter downspout, rain chain, or other effective means of capturing concentrated flow from roofs or other impervious surfaces.
13. Rain barrel must not be connected to the (potable water) irrigation system and collected rainwater must be utilized via a hose or bucket only.
14. Rain barrel must be placed on a solid and level foundation, such as concrete pad, pavers, or bricks for appropriate stability.



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15. Rain barrel must not block or restrict access to walkways or pathways, which may become a safety/emergency access issue.
16. Rain barrel must be algae and UV-resistant or specially constructed sun barriers must be used.
17. Overflow pipe from rain barrels must be directed away from buildings and/or adjacent properties and may flow to landscape (preferred).
18. Manufacturer's installation and maintenance instructions must be followed.
19. A copy of the rain barrel purchase receipt must be included with the application.
20. Rebates shall be on a one-time basis per address or customer.
21. Schedule a post-conversion site visit with a City of Morro Bay representative once conversion has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the rebate program.
22. Rain barrel may be inspected at any time by the City to determine ongoing compliance with the program.

For further information, please contact the Public Works Department at 772-6261.

The number of rebates is limited. Only one rain barrel rebate will be issued per household. For questions about this rebate program, please contact the Public Works Department at 772-6261 or email dhanson@morrobayca.gov.

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