



INCENTIVE & REQUIREMENTS



REBATE

Up to \$75 (limit 2 per meter)



REQUIREMENTS

- Be a SCV Water customer with active water account in good standing
- Receipt of purchase of new, unused Rain Barrel required
- Be made from recycled or repurposed materials

BACKGROUND

Irrigation use typically accounts for about 60% of home and business water consumption and while in most years we can shut off our irrigation systems from December through April, there are some weeks where gardens, trees, shrubs, and household ornamental plants can use an extra drink. Rain Barrels provide a cost-effective way for homeowners and businesses to capture rainwater for irrigation use and/or to water indoor plants. Also known as "Cisterns," Rain Barrels collect rainfall from rooftops and structures to be stored for later use and reduce stormwater runoff into streets and waterways. While water collected from rainwater is not potable (drinking quality), it is generally considered safe for watering plants where the roots are located (see Smart Practices below for more details).

On average, the SCV receives about 17 inches of rain each year. A home with a 1,000 square foot roof will shed about 600 gallons for each inch of rain received, some of which can be collected using rain barrels¹. Many readily available Rain Barrels range from 40-80 gallons, typically considered adequate for most households. Rain Barrels are available for purchase online or may be found at local nurseries, irrigation supply houses, or home improvement stores.

SMART PRACTICES

SCV Water recommends the following SMART practices for adding a Rain Barrel to your home:

- Purchase barrels made from “food grade” recycled materials.
- Install fully screened intake ports to keep out mosquitos, insects, and debris.
- Install Rain Barrel on a flat surface and consider elevating barrel using cinder blocks and a sturdy wooden frame.
- Choose rain barrels with removable, yet secure, lids to provide easy access when cleaning or when using with watering cans.
- Best when used with closed intake ports connected to raingutter and downspouts.
- Use collected rainwater within two weeks of collection.
- Use with regular hose or soaker hose.
- Ensure the overflow is pointing away from structures and walkways to avoid trip and fall hazards or water damage.
- Remove water and store Rain Barrel indoors during prolonged freezing periods to avoid damage.
- Consider using the barrel to collect air conditioner condensate during the summer months when rainfall is sparce.
- Decorate and customize your Rain Barrels to add fun colors and designs to your home or business garden!
- SCV Water does not guarantee or warranty any Rain Barrel product or practice.



RESOURCES

Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District: <https://bit.ly/3IKyh0w>

American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association: <https://bit.ly/3txMeZl>

Sightline Institute: <https://bit.ly/3CdMPmM>

