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Rainwater Tank Rebate NT

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up to \$1900

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What is the Rainwater Tank Rebate NT?

The Territory Government is providing rebates of up to \$1900 for the purchase, installation and plumbing of a rainwater tank to residences and other dwellings.

Households, not-for-profit organisations and community groups are among the eligible groups who can apply for these rebates.

These one off rebates can also assist with the cost of installing guttering necessary for collecting rainwater from rooftops.

By installing a rainwater tank an average family of four can save up to \$200 annually off their water bill (based on Power and Water Corporation pricing data).

Households that are connected to town water supplies, through the Power and Water Corporation, may be eligible for a further \$500 rebate from the Australian Government by simply connecting a rainwater tank into the laundry or toilet.



What can I claim?

There are three types of rebates available:

1. TANK REBATE

For the purchase of a new rainwater tank/s with the total capacity of:

Size of tank	Rebate
2 000L – 10 000L	\$300
10 001L – 20 000L	\$600
20 001L – greater	\$900

Tank/s must have a total capacity of 2 000 litres or more. A receipt of purchase and proof of connection (photographic) to a roof catchment must also be supplied.

2. CONNECTION REBATE

For plumbing a new or existing rainwater tank to selected water outlets.

Connection point	Rebate
Connected to a toilet	\$200
Connected to the laundry	\$200
Connected to a hot water service	\$200
Connected to an evaporative air-conditioner	\$200
Connected to the entire property	\$400

A maximum \$400 connection rebate is available per property. All connections must be certified by a licensed plumber according to Australian Standards, and applicants must provide a plumber's certificate upon applying for a rebate.

3. GUTTERING REBATE

For the purchase and installation of new guttering which must be connected to a rainwater tank.

Guttering length (linear metres)	Rebate
5m – 12m	\$50
13m – 18m	\$100
19m – 25m	\$150
26m – 40m	\$300
41m +	\$600

A minimum of 5m of new guttering must be installed and feed into a rainwater tank to be eligible for this rebate. A receipt of purchase and proof of connection (photographic) to a new or existing rainwater tank must also be supplied.

Who can get a rebate?

To be eligible for a rebate you must:

1. Be a Northern Territory homeowner, resident or a nominated representative of a not-for-profit organisation or community group and not a place of business.
2. Have installed and/or connected a new or existing rainwater tank to your household or dwelling, or installed new or additional guttering that is connected to a rainwater tank.

How can I use a rainwater tank?

A rainwater tank can be used in and around your garden, or for household uses such as washing the dog or filling the kettle.

If you are looking to maximise money and water savings from your rainwater tank, you can connect it to a laundry, toilet, evaporative air-conditioner or hot water service to get the most out of your tank.

You can save money and water

The average four person home will spend approximately \$2115 annually on water bills (Power and Water Corporation data).

In the Darwin region, a household with 40m of guttering (100m² roof area) and a 25 000 litre tank will allow a family of four to flush toilets, wash clothes and top up their pool for approximately nine months of the year using only rainwater.

This could reduce your water bill by 14 per cent, saving the average household around \$296 annually.

Persons living on rural properties in the Top End can also save money and water by connecting a rainwater tank to their entire house. Collecting rainwater rather than pumping ground water from a bore will mean reduced bore running costs and energy savings.

In the Alice Springs region, 60m of guttering (200m² roof area) and a 6 000 litre tank will allow a family of four to flush the toilet for approximately nine months of the year with using only rainwater, reducing household water bills by approximately 5 per cent, saving \$106 annually.

How do I apply?

You can apply for a rebate online at www.greeningnt.nt.gov.au or complete the application form in this brochure once all works have been completed.

Follow these steps as a guide to claim your rebate.

STEP 1.

Check that you are eligible and comply with the rebate conditions.

STEP 2.

Purchase a rainwater tank, install and get your tank connected to the water fixtures that best suits your property's water demands.

STEP 3.

Complete all necessary paperwork or an online application form specifying what rebates are being applied for:

i) tank rebate ii) connection rebate and/or iii) guttering rebate.

STEP 4.

Sign and date the declaration, and include your banking details in the application form to allow your rebate payment to be made.

STEP 5.

You can apply for your rebate online at www.greeningnt.nt.gov.au or send your completed application form and copies of receipts, proof of installation photos and plumber certification certificate to:

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Please note that receipts will not be returned.

Email: rainwatertank@nt.gov.au

What to consider when purchasing a rainwater tank



Support Territory businesses and consider buying from a local supplier. Ensure you consult a Northern Territory licensed plumber when connecting a rainwater tank to your property.

Specifics you need to consider when purchasing your rainwater tank include:

- Tank size;
- Roof catchment size;
- Tank type (shape and material);
- Space available for installation;
- Accessories needed (backflow prevention devices, pumps); and
- Maintenance requirements.

Eligibility Conditions

Northern Territory home owners, residents, not-for-profit organisations and community groups can claim a rebate on the purchase of rainwater tanks and associated plumbing connections and guttering as listed on page 3.

To claim a rebate the following conditions must be met:

- The applicant must be living at or the owner of the dwelling where the rainwater tank has been installed or must be the nominated representative of an approved not-for-profit organisation or community group.
- Each rebate can only be applied for once per property.
- The applicant must have purchased and installed a rainwater tank and/or guttering and/or connected a new or existing rainwater tank into selected internal plumbing fixtures before claiming a rebate.
- The total rebate cannot be more than the total cost of the rainwater tank, guttering and installation (including connection/s).
- The rebate is for rainwater tanks bought and installed from 1 March 2010.
- The Territory Government may cease or amend this rebate scheme at any time.

- All connections must be certified by a licensed plumber, meet all relevant Australian Standards and government requirements such as local building restrictions and regulations, be fully operational and must obtain a plumber's certificate to be attached to the rebate application.
- Where the rainwater tank is connected to the town water supply, appropriate measures for backflow prevention must be taken in accordance with Power and Water Corporation's Backflow Prevention Policy. See www.powerwater.com.au
- Submit photographic evidence of a rainwater tank connected to a roof catchment (tank rebate) and rainwater tank connections to new guttering (guttering rebate).
- Rebate applications can take up to eight weeks to process.

Important Information

Rebate applicants should not assume they will receive a rebate on submitting an application. The Territory Government reserves the right to request further information or refuse an application if the information provided is incomplete or does not meet the required criteria.

It is expected that rebate applications will not be accepted after 30 June 2011.

However, the Territory Government may cease or amend this rebate scheme at any time.

The Territory Government accepts no liability for any loss, damage or injury as a result of, or arising from the use/or installation of an item which has been subject to a rebate application, or the application process.

The Territory Government is bound by the *Northern Territory Information Act 2002*. Information collected under this rebate scheme will only be used to assess applications and related purposes.



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