

Rainwater Tanks

Fact Sheet

Installing a rainwater tank can help your household use its water efficiently and deliver year-round savings. They also provide significant environmental benefits by minimising stormwater runoff and the pollution associated with the runoff. Rainwater tanks can save up to 40,000 litres per household per year and help households to reduce their water bills.

The *Living Victoria Water Rebate Program* rewards all Victorian households for purchasing and installing water efficient products, appliances and services, thereby reducing their water consumption. Rebates of up to \$1,000 are available for rainwater tanks under the program:

Rainwater Tanks, 2000 – 3999 litre capacity, connected to toilet and/or laundry	- \$500
Rainwater Tanks, 4000+ litre capacity, connected to toilet or laundry	- \$900
Rainwater Tank 4000+ litre capacity, connected to toilet and laundry	- \$1000

Eligibility

- All claims for a rebate under these terms and conditions for products purchased between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2013 must be received by your water supplier no later than 30 September 2013.
- All Rainwater tanks must be designed and manufactured to the relevant Australian Standards to be eligible for a rebate under this scheme.
- Rainwater tanks must also be certified to the relevant Australian Standards before 1 July 2012 to be eligible for a rebate after this date.
- All rainwater tanks must be installed by a licensed plumber who must provide a copy of the Plumbing Industry Commission (PIC) certificate of compliance where the combined cost of the product and associated plumbing is \$750 or greater.
- Product costs plus installation costs must be equal to or greater than the rebate value to be claimed or minimum expenditure where stated.
- Rainwater tanks connected to new houses that received a building permit after 30 June 2005 are not eligible for the Rainwater Tank Rebate.
- The rainwater tank installation must meet any relevant building code requirements and have a copy of the necessary Council permit (where required).
- A rainwater tank must be installed with relevant internal connections to the toilet and/or laundry within 12 months of the date of purchase.
- For the purpose of the rebate, the capacity of a rainwater tank will be the total capacity for one or more tanks purchased and installed as a single installation, ie two tanks of 2,000 litres and 3,000 litres can be considered as a 5,000 litre tank.

Connecting an existing rainwater tank to toilet

A \$200 rebate is available when an existing tank of 2,000 litres or greater is connected to the toilet and/or laundry. A licensed plumber must make this connection.

Rainwater tank rebates can be paid via a one-off Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or by cheque and should take around 10-12 weeks to process.

More information

Customers considering the purchase of a rainwater tank should be aware that **Australian Standards and guidelines** apply to the design, material, manufacture and installation of rainwater tanks.

The Living Victoria Water Rebate Program is administered by the Victorian water corporations on behalf of the Victorian Government, in partnership with the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

Please visit **www.water.vic.gov.au** for further information, brochures, Claim forms and frequently asked questions. Full terms and conditions do apply and are on the back of the **Rebate Claim Form (PDF 100kb)**.