

### **1. What is the Rain Barrel Rebate Program?**

A program designed to conserve our water resources. Available on a first-come, first-served basis to city of Red Deer residents, 50% of the cost of a rain barrel purchased in the current calendar year, to a maximum of \$50 for each rain barrel (maximum 2 barrels), will be credited to your utility account. The program runs until October 31.

### **2. Why should I purchase and install a rain barrel?**

Installing a rain barrel around your home is an affordable, simple way to help conserve water and protect our rivers and tributaries from pollution. Rain barrels provide storage for rainwater coming from your rooftops. Instead of allowing the rainwater to enter our storm drains and the Red Deer River, untreated, rainwater can be used for outdoor watering, including lawn, trees, planters and gardens. This helps to conserve treated water that would otherwise be used for outdoor irrigation.

### **3. Is rainwater safe to use in my vegetable garden?**

Currently there are no formal provincial or federal guidelines regarding using rain barrel water on residential vegetable crops. The personal use of rainwater is at your own risk and discretion.

### **4. How much do rain barrels cost?**

Rain barrels range in cost from around \$60 to \$300.

### **5. Where can I purchase a rain barrel?**

Rain barrels are available at most home and garden centres.

### **6. What are the qualifications for the Rain Barrel Rebate Program?**

The following criteria must be met to receive a rebate:

1. Must have a City of Red Deer utility (water bill) account.
2. A copy of the receipt of your rain barrel purchase must be included with the application form. The receipt must clearly indicate the name of the store, product name, price and date of purchase. Your name must be clearly written on the receipt.
3. Rain barrel must be purchased in the current calendar year.
4. Rain barrel must be new.
5. Rain barrel must not have been purchased through another municipality's incentive program (e.g. rain barrel sale, rebate, etc.).

6. Rain barrel must be installed and operated at a property located in the city of Red Deer.
7. Maximum two (2) rebates per utility account.
8. Applications are received by October 31.

Please note that funding is limited and rebates are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. The program runs until October 31. Applications received after October 31 will not be processed.

**7. Why can't I receive a rebate for a rain barrel that was purchased last year?**

There is a limited annual budget. Each year has its own budget and we want to ensure that as many residents have the opportunity to participate as possible.

**8. How do I apply for a rebate?**

Applications can be submitted online at [www.reddeer.ca/rainbarrels](http://www.reddeer.ca/rainbarrels).

**9. Can I purchase my rain barrel online?**

Purchases made through classified ads do not qualify; however, purchases through online retailers, such as Amazon.ca, are permitted, provided a receipt is attached to the application form.

**10. Can residents who don't have a utility account apply?**

No. Only utility account holders may apply. The name of the applicant must match the name associated with the utility account.

**11. If I live in a condo association, do I still qualify for a rain barrel?**

As long as you have a utility account, you qualify for a rain barrel rebate. However, please speak with your condo association for approval to install a rain barrel.

**12. Do I need a permit to install a rain barrel?**

No, you do not need a permit. However, if you live in a condo, you should speak with your condo association for approval to install a rain barrel.

You are also encouraged to review the information at [www.reddeer.ca/rainbarrels](http://www.reddeer.ca/rainbarrels) for proper care, installation and maintenance of your rain barrel.

**13. How many rain barrel rebates can I get?**

Maximum two (2) rebates per utility account is permitted. Participants who received a rain barrel rebate in past years are welcome to apply again for an additional rebate.

**14. How long will it take for my rebate to be processed?**

A credit will be applied to your utility account within 8-12 weeks.

**15. Can I have the money instead of a credit on my account?**

No. There is no cash back option.

**16. What happens if my rain barrel breaks?**

The City is not held responsible for the quality of the rain barrel and does not provide additional rebates in the case of a rain barrel breaking. Contact your retailer for warranty information.

**17. Where can I find more information on this?**

For more information and to apply to the Rain Barrel Rebate Program, visit [www.reddeer.ca/rainbarrels](http://www.reddeer.ca/rainbarrels) or call Community Development at 403-406-8820.