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RAINWATER HARVESTING REBATE PROGRAM

The Rainwater Harvesting Rebate program was established to actively promote the responsible use of rainwater harvesting (RWH) as a sustainable water conservation practice while also incentivizing and supporting residents in adopting RWH systems through financial rebates in alignment with the mission of the Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District.

Program Overview & Eligibility

- Applicants must reside or own land within the jurisdictional boundaries of Burleson or Milam counties. The location of the rainwater harvesting system itself must also be within these counties.
- Applicants are required to successfully complete an approved Rainwater Harvesting 101 class and provide the issued completion certificate when submitting their application.
- Each household is allowed one rebate application and/or award every 12 months.
- The maximum rebate amount per household is capped at $7,500.
- Rebate amounts are calculated at a rate of $1.00 per gallon of storage capacity of the entire rainwater harvesting system.
- Prior to making any purchases, site plans must be reviewed and approved by a qualified staff member to be considered as eligible expenses within the program.
- A completion inspection will be conducted by qualified staff when the installation is complete.
- Qualifying applicants may have the opportunity to receive short-term financial assistance for the acquisition of tanks. For further information, please contact the District's main office.
- Storage tanks must be new, not exceeding 24 months in age.

Rebate Calculation

The rebate amount is determined based on the total storage capacity, in gallons, of the rainwater harvesting system that the applicant installs or purchases. This rebate can be used to reimburse expenses related to the installation of the system, including but not limited to the tank(s) itself. For example, if you purchase a 550-gallon tank, and the installation requires additional materials and components such as gutters, tank foundation materials, overflow valves, etc., you would be eligible to receive a rebate of $550. This rebate is calculated at a rate of $1.00 per gallon of storage capacity of the tank and can be used not only for the purchase of the tank but also for covering the costs of associated components.

Application Process & Instructions

1. *Attend an approved Rainwater Harvesting 101 class*
    - Applicant is required to submit the Completion Certificate awarded at the end of the course with the rebate application.
2. *Submit a site plan for approval prior to purchasing materials*
    - The site plan must include:
        i. General map of the system: define the location of the cistern(s) or tank(s) in relation to the catchment area, noting gutter locations, etc.
        ii. Catchment area size: define the dimensions of the perimeter, total square feet of the area.
        iii. Tank details: description must include the physical size of the tank, the type (poly, stainless steel, etc.), and the structure or composition of the tank foundation.
3. *Complete and submit the rebate application with the following components:*
    - Completed rebate application form.
    - A copy of the Completion Certificate issued upon course completion.
    - A copy of the approved site plan.
    - All original receipts for the cistern(s) or tank(s) purchased – all original itemized receipts are required for the application to be processed.
4. *Schedule an inspection with District staff after completing the system installation*

Rebate Program Agreement

These terms and conditions are in place to facilitate a fair and effective Rainwater Harvesting Rebate program, please take note of the following terms and conditions when applying:

- *Application Completeness:* Rebate applications must be submitted in their entirety and are subject to verification and the availability of funds.
- *Verification and Inspection:* POSGCD reserves the right to verify and inspect the installed rainwater harvesting system to ensure compliance with program guidelines.
- *Policy Updates:* POSGCD reserves the sole and absolute discretion to change any or all aspects of the Rebate Program Policy or to cancel the rebate program without prior notice. It is advisable to stay informed about program updates.
- *Processing Time:* Please allow up to six weeks for your completed application to be processed, and for you to receive the rebate check.
- *Receipts Required:* To process the rebate application, original itemized receipts for tanks and any associated components must be included.
- *Rainwater Usage:* Collected rainwater may not be used for drinking purposes as it is primarily intended for non-potable uses, such as irrigation.
- *Tank Base:* Tanks must be installed on a level base constructed of materials capable of supporting the cistern at full capacity at all times. This ensures the safe and efficient operation of the system.