



SAVING WATER WITH RAINWATER TANKS

Rainwater tanks save water and help save the environment

- Use rainwater tanks to catch and use water that would otherwise run down the stormwater drain.
- Rainwater tanks help to reduce...
 - Stormwater damage to creeks
 - The amount of mains water taken from natural waterways
 - The amount of energy used in treating and pumping mains water
- Select an appropriately sized pump for your tank to operate energy efficiently.

Rainwater tanks provide flexibility for garden watering

- Permanent Water Saving Rules don't apply to the rainwater you catch.
- You can use rainwater to water your garden at any time and however you like.
- Remember this does not apply if your rainwater tank is topped-up with mains water.





Other good reasons for rainwater tanks

- 💧 Using rainwater instead of mains water will reduce your water volume charges on your water bill.
- 💧 Remember rainwater is not recommended for drinking if mains drinking water is available.
- 💧 Knowing you are making a difference to the environment by using rainwater tanks and other water efficient practices around the home and garden feels good!

Connecting rainwater tanks to toilets and laundries saves more water

- 💧 Toilets and laundries use water all year round.
- 💧 Garden watering is not required when it is raining and during winter gardens do not need a lot of watering.
- 💧 Some businesses can also use rainwater for toilets, laundries and even for some manufacturing processes.

Talk to a plumber about getting a rainwater tank and get the right advice about options and costs.



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