Be RainWise rebates for rain gardens & cisterns

Seattle Public Utilities

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RainWise Rebate Overview

RainWise is a program offered by Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) and King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD). RainWise helps pay for installing rainwater cisterns and/or rain gardens on properties in parts of Seattle to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff going into the combined sewer system.

To qualify for the RainWise Rebates:

1) Qualifying rain gardens or cisterns must be installed on properties within an eligible CSO basin.
2) Work must be completed by an approved RainWise contractor.
3) All installations must meet RainWise design requirements, confirmed by a RainWise inspector.
4) Rebate applications must be received within 90 days of approval of the installation by a RainWise inspector.

Steps to getting your project started and getting your rebate:

1) Verify that you live within an approved CSO basin area using the RainWise eligibility map: https://www.700milliongallons.org/rainwise/eligibility/.
2) Find a RainWise approved contractor at https://www.700milliongallons.org/rainwise/find-a-contractor/.
3) Choose your contractor and make a plan. The contractor will make arrangements for a pre-construction inspection.
4) After pre-construction inspection is approved, contractor installs your cistern and/or rain garden.
5) The contractor will make arrangements for a final inspection by a RainWise inspector upon completion.
6) Make sure your contractor shows you how to maintain your system or that you contract with them to maintain the system.
7) ***RainWise Rebates may be considered income under federal tax law.*** As part of your rebate package, applicants must complete and sign IRS Form W-9 "Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification." *Consult with your tax advisor regarding potential tax consequences of receiving a RainWise rebate.*
8) Within 90 days of the final inspection approval, fill out and submit your rebate package. Use the RainWise rebate checklist to ensure your submission is complete. Send the completed rebate package via email to RainWise@seattle.gov.
   Forms can also be mailed to:
   To SPU: RainWise
   700 5th Avenue, Suite 4900
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