

Hays County Rainwater Harvesting Program Benefits And Qualification Criteria

Program Highlights

- **\$100 fee reimbursement for new development permitted through Hays County Environmental Health**
- **Property Tax reduction: Taxable value is reduced by the rainwater collection system construction costs. (Available from Hays County and other participating taxing entities)**

Benefits

- **Free water for you while reducing groundwater demands**
- **Saves costs for water, electricity, water softener expenses**
- **Reduces salt discharges into the soil**
- **Limits runoff while reducing stormwater pollution**
- **Fire protection**
- **Peace of mind**

Qualification Criteria

- **Hays County Application approval**
- **Minimum storage capacity: 2,500 gallons**
- **Annual application & approval for tax exemption (required by law) submitted to the Central Appraisal District**
- **Sunlight restrictive design (helps prevent algae growth)**
- **Insect proof (mosquito harborage is a public health nuisance)**

Proposed Program Enhancements

- **Hays County proposes amending Senate Bill One legislation by expanding water conservation initiatives by exempting from sales taxes purchases of rainwater collection products.**
- **Hays County is working to establish a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Linked Deposit Program. This allows a lower interest rate (usually 2% below market) for loans financing rainwater collection systems.**
- **Mapped system of available storage for local fire departments**



Hays County Environmental Health
1251 CIVIC CENTER LOOP
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS 78666
512/393-2150

Hays County Application for Rainwater Harvesting Incentive Program

Name: _____

Site Address: _____

Legal Description: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Construction start date: _____

Estimated completion date: _____

Square footage of collection area: _____ SQ FT

Total storage capacity: _____ Gallons

Planned use: Potable ___ Non-potable ___

Distribution method: Gravity flow ___ Pumped ___

Disinfection: Yes ___ No ___ Method: _____

Do you authorize release of your address and system capacity for fire department mapping and emergency use? Yes ___ No ___

Additional Application Requirements:

- Project summary
- Site Plan with detailed system design
- Detailed cost estimation: \$ _____ (List capital outlays), or
- Firm Project bid: \$ _____

Completion Information:

Date of Completion: _____

Completion Verification: _____

County or Central Appraisal District Official

Date of Development Application: _____ Permit # _____

YEAR

APPLICATION FOR WATER CONSERVATION INITIATIVES PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Appraisal district name

Phone (area code and number)

Address

This application covers property you owned on January 1 of this year. You must file the completed application between January 1 and April 30 of this year. Be sure to attach any additional documents requested. You must apply for this exemption every year; it will not be automatically renewed.

**Step 1:
Owner's name
and address**

Owner's name

Present mailing address (number and street)

City, town or post office, state, ZIP code

Phone (area code and number)

Owner is a(n): (please check)

Individual Association Corporation Nonprofit corporation

Name of person preparing this application

Driver's License, Personal I.D. Certificate, or
Social Security Number:

Title

**Step 2:
Describe
the property**

Legal description:

Appraisal district account number (Optional):

**Step 3:
List taxing
units that
have granted
an exemption
on the property**

(Attach copy of
each order
granting
exemption)

Taxing Unit	Amount or %	Taxing Unit	Amount or %

Has each taxing unit listed above designated this property to receive an exemption from property taxation for part or all of the property on which approved water conservation initiatives have been implemented? (attach copy of order by each taxing unit) Yes No

**Step 4:
Sign the
application**

By signing this application, you certify that this information is true and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief.

sign
here

Signature

Date

On behalf of (name of organization)

Title

If you make a false statement on this application, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under Texas Penal Code Section 37.10.



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**RAINWATER COLLECTION
DESIGNERS AND/OR INSTALLERS**

<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>CITY, STATE & PHONE</u>
Rose	Harley	Rainwater Collection Over Texas	201 Thurman Rd.	San Marcos, TX 78666 (512) 353-4949 1-800-222-3614
Moore	Mike	Agua Dulce	P.O. Box 165	San Marcos, TX 78666 (512) 392-7747
Coats	John	Rainwater Systems	3203 S. Lamar	Austin, TX 78704 (512) 442-7841
Gibson	Charles	RainMan Waterworks	P.O. Box 972	Dripping Springs, Tx 78620 (512) 858-7020
Miller	Keith	Bowerbird Const.	P.O. Box 698	Dripping Springs, Tx 78620 1-800-735-5741 / 419-4555
Houser	Kate	Water Works of Texas	2206 Matterhorn Ln	Austin Tx 78704 326-4636
Tinner	Gerald	Sky Water Systems Inc.		Dripping Springs Tx 78620 (512) 264-1681
Weaver	Doug	Excell Environmental	3413 W. Slaughter Ln.	Austin TX 78748 280-5230