

## 2019 Residential Rain Barrel Rebate Information

Effective January 1, 2019

### Program Steps:

1. Purchase and install the new rain barrel and take a photograph to attach to the rebate application. Maximum of two (2) rain barrels per account. Please see the Colorado State University Rainwater Collection link for more information on installing rain barrels.  
<http://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/natres/06707.pdf>
2. To apply for the rebate:
  - a. For faster processing, fill out the online rebate form on [Thorntonwater.com/rebates](http://Thorntonwater.com/rebates).
  - b. If you prefer to fill out the paper form and mail or email it, print and complete the Residential Water Efficiency Rebate Form found on [Thorntonwater.com/rebates](http://Thorntonwater.com/rebates). Include the following documents:
    - i. Signed Affidavit
    - ii. Photocopy of driver's license or other legal identification
    - iii. Photocopy of receipt (must include brand and model, price and date of purchase)
    - iv. Photo of installed rain barrels (photos can also be shown from a cell phone in person or e-mailed)
    - v. [IRS W-9](#)\*

*\*Tax Notice:* All HOA and/or landlord rebates will require submittal of a W-9 form to the City of Thornton. All personal information provided within the W-9 is kept confidential in accordance with the Privacy Act. The determination of whether your rebate is taxable or not may depend on several variables. We recommend contacting your tax professional.

- c. E-mail to [Water@ThorntonWater.com](mailto:Water@ThorntonWater.com) or mail or bring in the completed application to:

Water Resources Division  
City of Thornton  
Infrastructure Maintenance Center  
12450 Washington Street  
Thornton, CO 80241

If approved, a rebate credit of up to \$50 per barrel (taxes and installation costs excluded) will be applied to your water bill approximately two months after the application is received. City staff will notify you if the application does not meet program requirements. Thank you for considering the installation of a rain barrel! Please visit [ThorntonWater.com](http://ThorntonWater.com) for more ways to save water.

Note: Homeowner Associations cannot ban the use of rain barrels, however, they can impose reasonable requirements about the location and/or appearance.

Questions? Contact 720-977-6600 or [water@ThorntonWater.com](mailto:water@ThorntonWater.com)

## 2019 Rain Barrel Rebate Rules and Eligibility

- ◆ The rain barrel must be installed in a residence located within the city of Thornton water service area.
- ◆ Participants must have current, non-delinquent accounts as city of Thornton water customers or accounts that receive Thornton water. Sewer only customers are not eligible.
- ◆ A photograph of the new, installed rain barrel must accompany the rebate application.
- ◆ A legible, itemized copy of the sales receipt must accompany the rebate application.
- ◆ Incomplete applications and those without a copy of the purchase receipt(s) and required photographs will be denied.
- ◆ Participants must provide proof of their lawful presence in the United States according to provisions of Colorado Law (Immigration Law, HB 06S-1023). Under the law, anyone 18 years of age or older must prove lawful presence in the United States in order to receive non-emergency public benefits. This applies to city of Thornton rebates. In order to prove lawful presence in the United States, you must produce a valid Colorado driver's license or other valid form of identification. This information will remain confidential. In addition, participants must sign an affidavit either: (1) you are a United States citizen; or (2) you are a legal permanent resident of the United States; or (3) you are otherwise lawfully present in the United States pursuant to federal law. The affidavit is included in the rebate application.
- ◆ The name on the rebate application must match the name of the Utility Billing account and identification.
- ◆ Site may be subject to inspection by city of Thornton staff, which will be scheduled prior to rebate being issued to the account.
- ◆ Rebates are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to the availability of funds.
- ◆ Rebate is limited to two (2) rain barrels per household, per every five years.
- ◆ A rebate of \$50 per rain barrel, (taxes and installation costs excluded) will be credited to the customer's water account.

### Colorado State Law

- ◆ Rain Barrels are limited to two (2) per household, with a combined storage of 110 gallons or less are allowed.
- ◆ Collected rainwater must be used to irrigate outdoor lawns, plants, or gardens only.
- ◆ Collected rainwater must be used on the same property from which it was captured.
- ◆ Rain barrel water cannot be used for drinking or other indoor water uses.
- ◆ Rain barrels must be equipped with a sealable lid.

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