

Development Information Sheet 24

Rainwater Tanks

When does a rainwater tank require Development Approval?

Development approval is required when a water tank matches any of the following:

- The water tank will be located within a State or local heritage place
- The water tank is not part of the roof-drainage system
- The water tank will have a total floor area exceeding 10m²
- Any part of the water tank will be below ground
- Any part of the water tank is higher than 4m above the natural surface of the ground.

Rainwater testing

You do not need to do regular chemical or microbiological testing of domestic rainwater tanks.

Regular chemical and microbiological testing should be carried out on commercial and community rainwater tanks. Rainwater used as water supplies for commercial or community-based purposes requires routine testing to make sure the water is suitable for drinking.

Further information in relation to rainwater testing can be sourced online via:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/energy-and-environment/water/rainwater-tanks>

Are there rebates available in association with rainwater tanks?

Rebates may be offered through SA Water and the Australian Government (Department of Environment and Energy). Typically, rebates require you to plumb your rainwater tank into your home (e.g. toilet, laundry or hot water system). Council does not offer rebates in relation to the installation or use of rainwater tanks.

For further information in relation to potential rebates, you may contact:

SA Water

Post: GPO Box 1751, Adelaide SA 5001

Phone: 1300 650 950

Online: <https://www.sawater.com.au/forms/general-enquiry>

Australian Government - Department of Environment and Energy

Post: GPO Box 787, Canberra ACT 2600

Phone: 1800 803 772

Online: <http://www.environment.gov.au/about/contact-us/website-feedback>

Development Information Guides are intended to help applicants to submit applications which are complete, well prepared, and can be processed efficiently. The information provided is intended as a general guide only and applicants are encouraged to refer to the Town of Walkerville Development Plan and to seek professional advice if necessary. This information is subject to frequent updates. This version last updated in January 2018.

Access the Development Plan and current versions of information guides at <http://www.walkerville.sa.gov.au/>

Should you have any further enquiries or wish to discuss this process, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning and Environment team via:

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