



City of Indian Harbour Beach Rain Barrel Rebate Program

The City of Indian Harbour Beach is offering a limited rain barrel rebate program on a first-come, first-served basis to residents who purchase and install a new rain barrel to capture and store rainwater at their homes. Starting October 1, 2021, rebates will be available until budgeted rebate funds are depleted. The number of rebates available each fiscal year depends on that year's budgeted funding level. This program is being offered as a means to conserve water and reduce the amount of rain water entering into and carrying pollutants into the stormwater system.

By installing a rain barrel, rainwater that flows off your rooftop is captured and stored. The harvested rainwater can be used immediately or stored for later use to water your lawn and landscaped areas, fill ponds or fountains, and wash cars. This reduction in water use translates into cost savings for water consumers and also greatly benefits the environment. This rainwater is harvested for beneficial use that otherwise would have entered the stormwater system, carrying pollutants from yards and roads, such as pet waste, fertilizers, pesticides, motor oil, etc., before entering the Indian River Lagoon or other water bodies. The decline of the Indian River Lagoon from these pollutants is reflected in dying sea grass, algae blooms and sick and dying wildlife.

Owners of single-family residential property in Indian Harbour Beach can apply for one rebate (maximum \$50) for purchasing and installing a rain barrel that holds at least 40 gallons of water. Renters may apply with homeowners written approval.

Rain Barrel Rebate Eligibility and Requirements

The following conditions must be met in order to receive your rebate:

- 1) To be eligible for a rebate, you must reside in a single-family residential property in the city limits of Indian Harbour Beach. Commercial requests are not eligible.
- 2) Only one rebate will be provided per single-family residential address.
- 3) The original sales receipt must be dated no more than three (3) months from date of the application. All rebates are subject to the availability of funds. Rebates will be processed in the order they are received and are on a first-come, first-served basis. Once funds are depleted, rebates are no longer available for the fiscal year and applicants will be notified.
- 4) Customers must purchase and install a rain barrel that holds a minimum of 40 gallons of water. If two barrels are purchased to reach the minimum volume, the barrels must be purchased at the same time. The rain barrel must be a new, finished rain barrel sold solely for the purpose of collecting rain water.

- 5) The rain barrel will be used for non-potable, outdoor uses only. It must be securely covered and/or screened to restrict access by children, pets, rodents and insects.
- 6) Rebate application packets are available on the City website or can be obtained at City Hall.
- 7) The customer must complete a rebate application. The application, original receipt, and picture of installed rain barrel must be submitted to:

City of Indian Harbour Beach
2055 South Patrick Drive
Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937

- 8) It is the customer's responsibility to ensure proper installation.
- 9) Eligible and approved applicants will be mailed a check. If the purchase price, not including sales tax, is less than the rebate amount, the rebate will be for the purchase price only. The purchase price does not include sales tax, installation, accessories or other related items.
- 10) By participating in the Indian Harbour Beach Rain Barrel Rebate Program, the customer agrees to installation verification by submitting a picture of the rain barrel at the residence to the City Manager's Office. Pictures may be hand delivered or mailed to City Hall at 2055 South Patrick Drive, Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937 or emailed to finance@indianharbour.org.



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Single-Family Residential Application

Customer Information

Name (print): _____ Phone: _____
E-mail address: _____
Address (where rain barrel is located): _____
Mailing Address (if different): _____

Rain Barrel Information

Size (gallons) of rain barrel purchased: _____ Place where purchased: _____
Price paid for rain barrel (excluding sales tax): _____ Date of Purchase: _____
Date of installation: _____ Location of rain barrel (e.g., back or front of house, etc.): _____
Installed by (check one): Homeowner Other _____
What is the main reason for installing your rain barrel (please check one): Save money on water bill
 Conserve water Protect Indian River Lagoon and waterways from pollutants in runoff
 Rebate money available Other (please specify): _____
Where does your roof currently drain? Onto the grass Onto the driveway Don't know
For what purpose will you use the water collected in your rain barrel? _____
Would you allow the City of Indian Harbour Beach to use pictures taken of your project after completion to keep on file and use in public outreach efforts? Yes No

I have read and understand the rain barrel rebate policy requirements as stated in the attached instruction sheet. I understand that an inspection of the installed rain barrel may be required prior to rebate approval.

**** **Please include the ORIGINAL receipt and picture with this application.** ****

Applicant's Signature _____ Date: _____

City Use Only

Application #: _____ Date application received: _____
Purchase price (excluding sales tax): _____ Original receipt included: Yes No
Comments: _____

Mail completed form to: City of Indian Harbour Beach 2055 South Patrick Drive Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937

Benefits of Using a Rain Barrel

Residential water use increases 40-50 percent during summer months due to outdoor water use. Stormwater runoff is the leading type of residential non-point source pollution. Non-point source pollution means the source cannot be positively identified, whereas with source pollution, it can be attributed to industrial plants or other direct sources. We all contribute to non-point source water pollution when we drive our cars, apply fertilizers and pesticides to our yards, allow soil and dirt to runoff during a storm, leave our pet's waste on the ground, and in many other ways.

A rain barrel collects and stores rainwater from rooftops to use for lawn and garden watering, along with other outdoor uses. Water collected in a rain barrel would normally pour off your roof directly or flow through your roof gutter downspouts and become stormwater runoff – contributing to non-point source pollution. Depending on your yard, this runoff can travel onto paved surfaces and eventually into a storm drain. A rain barrel is an easy way for you to have a consistent supply of clean, fresh water for outdoor use and save money today and in the future.

By using a rain barrel, you can:

- Conserve water and help lower costs. A rain barrel can save approximately 1,300 gallons of water during peak summer months.
- Reduce water pollution by reducing stormwater runoff, which contains pollutants like sediment, pet waste, oil, grease, fertilizers and pesticides.
- Save water for plants during dry periods. Rain barrels can also be arranged to slowly release the collected rainwater to areas that can soak it up, reducing the stormwater runoff and increasing groundwater recharge.

Besides water conservation and environmental protection, there are many other benefits to harvesting rain water:

- Rain water is free. All you have to buy is the collection system.
- Plants love it. Rain water is low in dissolved minerals and is almost pH neutral.
- It's an alternative water supply so it is exempt from watering restrictions.
- It can reduce the load on water distribution and treatment systems.
- It saves you money and energy by decreasing demand for tap water or running your well system.
- It decreases the impact of runoff therefore reducing the need to build new storm treatment structures, which can reduce your future tax bills.

Use the water to:

- Water plants
- Water your lawn
- Wash your dog
- Wash your car
- Rinse muddy boots or sandy beach chairs