

They can be made of many different materials such as concrete, metal, fibreglass and plastic or a combination (such as fibre reinforced poly tanks). A tank may be round or oval, square or rectangular, tall or short, squat or slim and just about any colour.

Where will it go?

Dependent on lot size and shape, there are a variety of ways a water tank system could be installed.

You can install one next to the house, on top or under it, on a stand, on the ground or below it. Many designs fit under the eaves of your house and come in a colour to blend in with your house colour so you barely even know it is there.

The desired water capacity could also be split between two smaller tanks and located at different points of the property.

Your architect or builder can help you find the best fit for you.

How do I get a water tank?

There are a number of reputable local water tank suppliers who would be happy to help you with your tank selection.

Some rainwater tank installations can be carried out by a competent home handy-person, however, the Plumbing Industry Commission guidelines recommend that a licensed plumber be engaged to install your rainwater tank. Visit www.westcoastpoly.com.au or www.bluescopewater.com.au, or ask your builder.

Wherever a tank needs a connection to the mains water supply, such as for a top up system or a connection to the toilet, a professional plumber is required by law.



Rainwater Tank Rebate Redemption Voucher

**Contact Simon Munckton at Lester Group
(08) 9423 5100**

I/We acknowledge that I/we are the original buyer/s of Lot _____ and therefore entitled to a Rainwater Tank Rebate of \$2,000 and confirm that the home constructed on this lot was completed within 24 months from the date of settlement.

I/We also confirm that the following requirements have been fulfilled:

- A minimum of 2,500 litres of slow releasing storage has been installed
- An additional tank of 2,000 litres or more of rainwater has been plumbed into the home for domestic use.

Buyer

Buyer

Date

For and on behalf of
Balwyn Margaret River Pty Ltd



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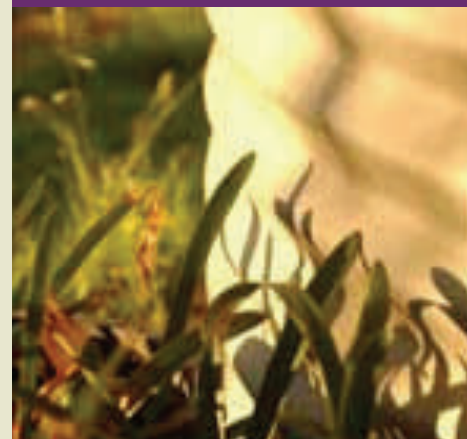
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TAKING RESPONSIBILITY

Water consumption and conservation is everyone's responsibility!

Australia is the driest inhabited continent in the world. Ironically, per person, we are also the biggest consumers of water on the planet.

With only 1% of the world's water supply safe for drinking, we continue to waste this precious resource on activities such as garden irrigation and toilet flushing.

We are literally draining our reserves and drying our rivers and dams.

Good water management is not only sensible, it is critical for our future, and everyone has a role to play.

THE TURNING OF THE TIDE

Water saving techniques have been used in rural areas for centuries, but are only now becoming accepted as part of the urban lifestyle.

Rainwater tanks can be used to capture water collected from roofs of homes and outbuildings and stored appropriately for use in the garden, washing the car, toilet flushing and the washing machine.

Collecting water this way will save you money but has much broader environmental benefits.

A RAPIDS LANDING INITIATIVE

Rapids Landing is leading the way in creating a sustainable environment. Amongst other environmental initiatives, it is one of the first residential subdivisions in Western Australia to introduce mandatory water tanks to every home.

Of course, as a new initiative, there are many questions that need to be addressed.

A great deal of work and research has been carried out to ensure the introduction of water tanks does not only support a sustainable environment, but also provides benefits to each homeowner.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is the Rapids Landing water requirement?

Rapids Landing requires a minimum **2,500 litres of slow releasing storage for every home**, assisting the community to reduce potential flood damage.

In a first for WA, however, homeowner incentives from the developer are also in place to encourage the installation of an additional 2,000 litres or more of rainwater to be plumbed into the home, creating a significantly more sustainable environment.

What are the benefits to me?

In addition to the peace of mind by taking positive steps towards a sustainable and environmentally sound home, taking responsibility of your own household water consumption will:

- Cut your water bill by reducing your consumption of mains water
- Allow you the freedom to water your garden or wash your car when you want to
- Assist in creekline rehabilitation by reducing the intensity of peak storm water flow.
- Contribute to the more sustainable use of our finite resource
- Minimise the environmental footprint of urban living
- Conserve drinking water
- Reduce the risk of pollution entering natural waterways through run offs
- Provide and enjoy water that does not contain contaminants (from the soil) that are normally found in ground water and other sources
- Help protect our precious supplies of water

- Reduce the impact of flood damage potential in the community
- Reduce significant damage to our creeks, water habitats and organisms caused by storm water run off
- Conserve valuable drinking water and reduce runoff and pollution entering natural waterways

Where do I use the rainwater?

Rainwater can be readily used for watering the garden and washing the car. However, it can also be connected to the toilet, washing machine and hot water system.

A typical household can actually reduce its mains water requirements by around 70% if connected to the toilet and washing machine alone, and up to 85% if connected to the hot water system.

Will the water tank save me money?

Yes. Every drop of water saved in a household's consumption of the mains water supply means direct savings in water charges. That could mean 85% off a bill.

What are the upfront costs?

Rainwater tanks vary in size, design, materials and price, and pumps and filters may be required.

It is important to choose a rainwater tank system to suit your needs and budget.

For further information, visit www.westcoastpoly.com.au or www.bluescopewater.com.au, or contact your builder.

Is financial support available?

When building a home at Rapids Landing, there are two avenues of financial support available. They are:

Waterwise Rebate Program

A Waterwise Rebate Program of up to \$600 for the purchase and installation of new tanks for domestic use. The Waterwise Rebate Program is a State Government initiative introduced to help Western Australians be more water efficient by offering rebates of up to 50% on a variety of waterwise products including rainwater tanks.

All tanks with a capacity greater than 2,000 litres are eligible for a rebate of up to \$600 or 50% of the purchase and plumbing in cost (whichever is the lesser amount), if plumbed by a licensed plumber for use in your toilet and/or washing machine when installed.

The rebate is available for one rainwater tank per household to a maximum of \$600. For further information, visit www.watercorporation.com.au.

A Rapids Landing Incentive

In addition to the State Government Waterwise Rebate Program, a further \$2,000 rebate will be given by the developer to those owners who fulfil the developer's requirements of:

- Installing a tank with a minimum of 2,500 litres of slow release storage
- Installing an additional tank of 2,000 litres or more of rainwater storage, plumbed into the home for domestic use
- Having purchased the land direct from the developer and having achieved Practical Completion within 24 months after settlement.

This is the first initiative of its kind in Western Australia and could result in a cost neutral expense.

Is the water safe to drink?

Water used for household purposes for drinking, food preparation or bathing should meet water quality guidelines in order to protect you and your family's health. The water should be free of harmful micro-organisms or harmful levels of chemicals. By far the greatest potential risk to your health comes from contamination of water.

For further information, visit the Western Australian Department of Health at www.public.health.wa.gov.au.

Rainwater can be protected by the installation of a First Flush Diverter to divert the first flow of water from the roof, so that the tank does not collect it. A mesh covering can also be installed along the roof line to prevent leaves or other objects entering the pipes.

What will my rainwater tank look like?

These days, water tanks are not just functional, they are also modern, stylish and sleek and are designed to fit unobtrusively into your overall home design.