

Dear RainWise Contractors,

Happy New Year from RainWise!

We will be updating our Contractor Rosters in the next few weeks. To help us with this update and to help us better connect you with customers, **please fill out our contractor survey by Jan 16th**. This survey is a requirement if you would like your business listed on our rosters and website. Thanks for your attention to this!

Seattle Public Utilities and King County greatly appreciate the work you are doing to help us reduce sewer overflows and keep pollutants out of our waterways. Thank you!

Best regards,



Laura Cacho, Program Manager

## Contractor Training Update

RainWise program welcomes 10 new contractors to the program! Thanks for attending our November training. As a reminder, new contractors have a year to get started. If you haven't started a project by November 2017, we will remove your business from our website and rosters. You are always welcome to rejoin by contacting us. And you are welcome to take the training again at any time.



As a supplement to our annual contractor training, we are interested in knowing if there are topics you would like more training on. For example, we held an hour long workshop on big roof projects before our fall contractor fair. We are willing to offer this type of workshop again in 2017. If you have ideas for topics that you would like us to cover in a future workshop, please email your ideas to Laura Cacho at [laura.cacho@seattle.gov](mailto:laura.cacho@seattle.gov).

## Apply for the Small Works Roster

The Small Works Roster is used to obtain the names of Washington state licensed contractors who are interested in bidding projects for Washington state government organizations. This roster is used by some public agencies for projects under \$300,000.

The RainWise program has been talking with the Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) about putting RainWise installations on numerous SHA buildings in eligible areas. The SHA frequently uses the Small Works Roster to find contractors for their projects and will likely use this roster for their RainWise projects as well. If you are interested in working with the SHA, consider applying to be on the Small Works Roster. More information is available here:

<http://des.wa.gov/services/facilities-leasing/public-works-design-construction/construction-contractors/join-small-works-roster>

## ASK AN INSPECTOR



**With the recent below freezing temperatures across Seattle, should I be talking with my customers about the freezing potential of pipes?**



Yes, it would be a good idea to talk with property owners about the freezing potential of pipes, in particular for cistern outflow connections. Cisterns that discharge to a dispersion trench rather than side sewer or rain garden have the potential to create icy sidewalks when a rain event is followed by freezing temperatures. Please tell your customers to pay attention to the weather and to monitor the outflow of the cistern to dispersion trenches. The same concern holds true for the rain garden overflow when freezing temperatures quickly follow a rain storm.

## Contact Us

- For general questions about the program: [rainwise@seattle.gov](mailto:rainwise@seattle.gov)
- To schedule a pre- or post-inspection: [inspectionrequest@seattle.gov](mailto:inspectionrequest@seattle.gov) or call 206-684-0100
- For questions about an installation or a specific property, please contact your Seattle Public Utilities or King County RainWise inspector.

## Want to Meet New Customers?

We hold multiple events each month to share the RainWise program with eligible residents. You are welcome to attend these events to meet new customers and grow your business!

To sign-up, contact the organizer or visit:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4daaaf2fa5fc1-rainwise>

Be sure to also look for events in the Marketing Summary report sent out each month by email.

### Jan 28 at 10am – 2pm: RainWise Info & Maintenance Tips

**Highland Park Improvement Club** 1116 SW Holden St, Seattle, WA 98106

Organizer: Elaine Xie, [elaine@urbansystemsdesign.com](mailto:elaine@urbansystemsdesign.com)

### Jan 29 at 11am - 4pm: PNA Home Design and Remodel Fair

**Phinney Neighborhood Center** 6532 Phinney Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103

Organizer: Sustainable Ballard, 206-745-2592, [rain@sustainableballard.org](mailto:rain@sustainableballard.org)

### Feb 6 at 6pm - 7:30pm: RainWise 101 Workshop

**NE Seattle Library** 6801 35th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115

Organizer: Sustainable Ballard, 206-745-2592, [rain@sustainableballard.org](mailto:rain@sustainableballard.org)

### Feb 11 at 10am - 2pm: RainWise Info & Tree Give-Away

**South Park Library** 8604 8th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98108

Organizer: Elaine Xie, [elaine@urbansystemsdesign.com](mailto:elaine@urbansystemsdesign.com)

### Feb 11 at 2pm - 3:30pm: RainWise 101 Workshop

**Phinney Neighborhood Center** 6532 Phinney Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103

Organizer: Sustainable Ballard, 206-745-2592, [rain@sustainableballard.org](mailto:rain@sustainableballard.org)



## A Tip for Securing Slim Line Cisterns

A few of you have been asking us to share easy methods for securing slim line cisterns. Some contractors have found DUCKBILL anchors to be a good and an easy to install system that does not require drilling into house siding.

*King County and Seattle Public Utilities do not recommend or endorse any particular product, but we will pass along tips shared with us by other contractors. If you have a tip or suggestion that you wouldn't mind sharing with other RainWise contractors, please send it to Laura Cacho at [laura.cacho@seattle.gov](mailto:laura.cacho@seattle.gov).*

If you no longer want to be part of the RainWise Program, please email [rainwise@seattle.gov](mailto:rainwise@seattle.gov).

## 2016: Year in Review

Congratulations to our most productive contractors in 2016: Garden Seasoning (Monsoon Rain Gardens), HomeGrown Organics, Rain Dog Designs, and Stone Soup Gardens! Together, you installed over 50 percent of RainWise projects in 2016.

**Thanks to the work of all of our contractors, RainWise completed over 300 installations this past year.** This was a huge year for cisterns as about 70 percent of these projects included at least one cistern (16 percent included rain gardens and cisterns). Our most active basins were Green Lake/Unversity (32% of projects) followed by Barton (16%) followed by Henderson (11%) and Ballard (10%).



RainWise was particularly proud to hit the milestone of our 1,000th RainWise installation over the summer. Collectively, since the program began in 2010, we have installed over 1,180 rain garden and/or cistern projects and are managing over 18 million gallons of stormwater annually.

We could not achieve any of this without you. If there is anything we can do to help your business have a more successful and productive 2017, please contact us.

## Complete the RainWise Contractor Survey by Jan. 16th!

We will use the survey responses to update our existing contractor rosters and to create a roster for our central Seattle basins, big roof customers, and for cluster projects. **This survey is required to remain on our rosters and website.** Fill it out today!

Use the link in the email sent to your business or type in:

<http://bit.ly/2j5cpEW>. This will redirect to this longer link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfp097uZ30P9c\\_ffRRoABdu6XDcYyoqZufXSUj8BoqmKt3YfQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfp097uZ30P9c_ffRRoABdu6XDcYyoqZufXSUj8BoqmKt3YfQ/viewform)