What's the problem? With every storm, rain carries pollutants off our roofs, driveways and other hard surfaces to local creeks, Lake Washington and Puget Sound. During big storms, the sheer volume of this “stormwater” can cause sewer overflows, and erode hillsides and stream banks. Rain gardens and cisterns can help control this stormwater with your help.

Steps to becoming RainWise

Go to www.rainwise.seattle.gov

1. Check your eligibility by typing in your address to find out what will work on your property and if you can get a rebate.
2. Get bids from trained contractors in the “Find a Contractor” section of the website. Choose your contractor.
3. Your contractor will schedule a pre-inspection for approval to build and then install your system.
4. Your contractor will schedule a final inspection. A RainWise inspector will confirm that your installation was done properly.
5. Get your rebate! Submit your rebate package and receive your rebate within 6-8 weeks.

RainWise Rebate$!

RainWise will pay for rain gardens and cisterns

The RainWise program provides rebates that cover most or all of the cost of installing cisterns and rain gardens on your property. To receive a rebate, you must live in an eligible combined sewer overflow basin. We’ll help you determine if your property qualifies. The average rebate has been around $4,800.