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. RainWise rain gardens and cisterns can manage this runoff with your help.

RainWise is a rebate program that helps eligible* property owners manage stormwater by installing rain gardens and/or cisterns on private property. This prevents flooding, adds attractive landscaping, and can provide water for summer irrigation.

- Nearly 2,000 projects completed in Seattle
- Project cost can be covered up to 100%
- Average residential rebate amount is $4,350

Preventing polluted runoff is the key action to protect our waterways.

Be part of the solution! By slowing and cleaning runoff on your property, you are positively impacting the whole system. Rain gardens and cisterns on your property are a great way to start. One residential rain garden can divert 70% to 100% of the rain runoff from a property.

*To receive a rebate, you must live in an eligible combined sewer overflow (CSO) basin. Rebate varies from $3-4 per square foot of roof area captured, with a minimum of 400 square feet required for the rebate.
For more information, visit rainwise.seattle.gov. Contact us at rainwise@seattle.gov.

**How much will my rebate be?**

Your rebate will be based on the square footage of roof area being managed. A consultation with a contractor will include an estimate of the rebate amount and a discussion of options available for your property. Your final cost (if any) will be the total project cost, minus the rebate amount. RainWise rebates cover 60-100% of project costs and are taxable under federal law.

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**How does a RainWise cistern work?**

A cistern is a large, above-ground container used to collect roof water. It is like a huge rain barrel and can hold 200 or more gallons. During the winter, RainWise cisterns collect rain and slowly release it to the sewer system. In the summer, the water can be collected and used for watering.

RainWise cisterns are especially equipped to let water trickle out slowly during the winter months. This ensures the cistern empties after each storm and is ready to fill during the next rainfall.

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**How do RainWise rain gardens work?**

A rain garden is a shallow depression containing spongy soil and a variety of plants. It collects water from your roof downspout and allows it to slowly soak into the ground. The soil and plants act as a natural filter, cleaning the water before it enters the ground or a nearby waterway.

Rain gardens can include a variety of plants and a design of your choosing.
Steps to becoming RainWise:

1. Check eligibility:
   Use our eligibility map at rainwise.seattle.gov.

2. Contact contractors**:
   Choose contractors from the list we’ve provided to the right.

3. Your contractor will handle pre-inspection, build, and post-inspection.

4. Get your rebate!
   Submit your rebate package and receive your rebate within 6-8 weeks.

Want inspiration?
Check out installations on our website at rainwise.seattle.gov!

Visit rainwise.seattle.gov for tips on maintenance, resources and more!

North Seattle RainWise Contractors

Ready to get RainWise? Curious to learn more? Consult with a RainWise contractor to find out what’s possible on your property!

Aster Rosa Ecology/DIRT Corps
info@thedirtcorps.com
- M S

Ballard RainWater Systems
robertbeckerjr@aol.com
(206) 931-6345
- S

Bristow Enterprises
jameseb63@gmail.com
(206) 841-1964
- S

Cascadia Edible Landscapes
michael@eatyouryard.com
- S

Clear Water Gardens
cwg@mail.com
- M

Contemporary Homestead
info@contemporary-homestead.com
- M

Earth Alchemist Enterprises
mars.simpson@gmail.com
- S

Greener Living Solutions Inc
(206) 789-2540
info@greenerlivingsolutions.com
www.greenerlivingsolutions.com
- M

HomeGrown Organics
(206) 498-8785
- S

Hop Gardening
(425) 306-1380
- M

Justin’s Landscaping
(206) 390-1463
- M

Kat with a K Landscaping
(206) 850-2609
katwithaklandscaping@gmail.com
- S

Lacewing Fine Gardening & Botanical Design
(206) 319-8659
britt@lacewingseattle.com
www.lacewingseattle.com
- S

Liang’s Construction
(206) 501-0292
- S

Lumo Landscape
(206) 349-7092
lumolandscape@gmail.com
www.lumolandscape.com
- S

LUX/MOD Construction
(206) 892-8299
- C

Monsoon Rain Gardens
(206) 782-0418
info@monsoonraingardens.com
www.monsoonraingardens.com
- V

R Q L Construction
(206) 288-9757
- C

Rain Dog Designs
(253) 389-2060
(253) 459-3539
- S

Regeneration Landscaping
andrewlong@regenlandscaping.com
www.regenlandscaping.com
(206) 473-0621
- M

Satoyama Gardens
(971) 212-3953
aaron@satoyamagardens.com
www.satoyamagardens.com
- C

Shooting Star Gardens
(206) 383-6498
sasadler@gmail.com
www.shootingstargardens.com
- J

The People’s Gardening Collective
admin@pgcseattle.com
- M

Thriving Garden Design
(206) 366-9732
thriving.gardens@gmail.com
www.thriving-garden.com
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Vireo Design Studio
(206) 457-9757
jan@vireods.com
www.vireods.com
- M

Wenger Design & Landscape
(206) 921-7138
WengerDesignSeattle@gmail.com
- M

Zhen Xin Chen
(206) 319-8011
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Types of installations offered:

- = rain gardens
- = rain gardens + cisterns
- = cisterns
- = can do hardscape and/or construction
S = Habla Español
V = 说广东话
C = 说普通话
J = HABLA ESPAOL

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FAQ

How do I choose a contractor?

It’s kind of like choosing a roofer or plumber – who do you want to work with? Check their websites and references, get suggestions from neighbors, have a consultation with more than one and see whose ideas and pricing fit best for you. These contractors all have 10 hours of RainWise training, and they are licensed, bonded and insured. Please evaluate them on their experience.

Having trouble connecting with a contractor? Email rainwise@seattle.gov, we can help!

Visit rainwise.seattle.gov for tips on maintenance, resources and more!
Your neighbors are RainWise! Plan an outing to check out some rain garden and cistern installations. These RainWise neighbors have kindly consented to have their properties listed on this map and invite you to come by and look at their rain gardens and/or cisterns. Please respect their property and observe from the sidewalk only.

1. 3116 NE 84th St
2. 3176 NE 84th St
3. 3526 NE 85th St
4. 3850 NE 85th St
5. 7745 - 40th Ave NE
6. 7732 - 37th Ave NE
7. 3216 NE 80th St
8. 7340 - 24th Ave NE
9. 6852 - 27th Ave NE
10. 6025 - 26th Ave NE
11. 5746 - 37th Ave NE
12. 5516 40th Ave NE
13. 5215 - 38th Ave NE
14. 5057 - 37th Ave NE
15. 5004 - 38th Ave NE
16. 4800 37th Ave NE
17. 5518 Ann Arbor NE
18. 5711 NE 60th St
19. 5509 NE 63rd St
20. 5503 NE 63rd St
21. 4920 NE 65th St
22. 6556 - 52nd Ave NE
23. 7046 - 55th Ave NE
24. 4509 NE 71st St
25. 6844 44th Ave NE
26. 6820 - 42nd Ave NE
27. 6257 - 43rd Ave NE
28. 6245 - 43rd Ave NE

Why is this area “Highest Priority”? During heavy rains, pipes that carry sewage and stormwater together can overflow through relief points called combined sewer overflows (CSOs). CSO outfalls that are fed by this area overflow more often than others in the City – so if you live in the shaded area, it’s extra helpful to get RainWise! You’ll be managing storm water that falls on your property on site, instead of contributing to this overflow problem. Thank you!

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