Be RainWise rebates for rain gardens & cisterns

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Do your part to protect Puget Sound

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.

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.

- **Over 2,000 projects completed in Seattle**
- **Project cost can be covered up to 100%**
- **Average residential rebate amount is $4,400**

Get RainWise with your neighbors!

When you and your neighbors choose the same contractor, the process can be more cost-effective for everyone....and more stormwater will be managed on site. Win-win! Contact us and we will help you organize a "cluster" project.

What your neighbors are saying about RainWise:

"People walk by all the time and comment on our rain garden. It's wonderful to know that they also are helping Puget Sound – a win-win."

"I am thrilled to be a part of Seattle's RainWise program and doing what I can to help our Sound."

"With my cisterns, I can use the water in my garden during the summer and help manage stormwater in the winter!"

**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 minumum of 400 square feet required for the rebate.

Cistern, rain garden or both...

How will you be RainWise?

How does a RainWise **cistern** work?

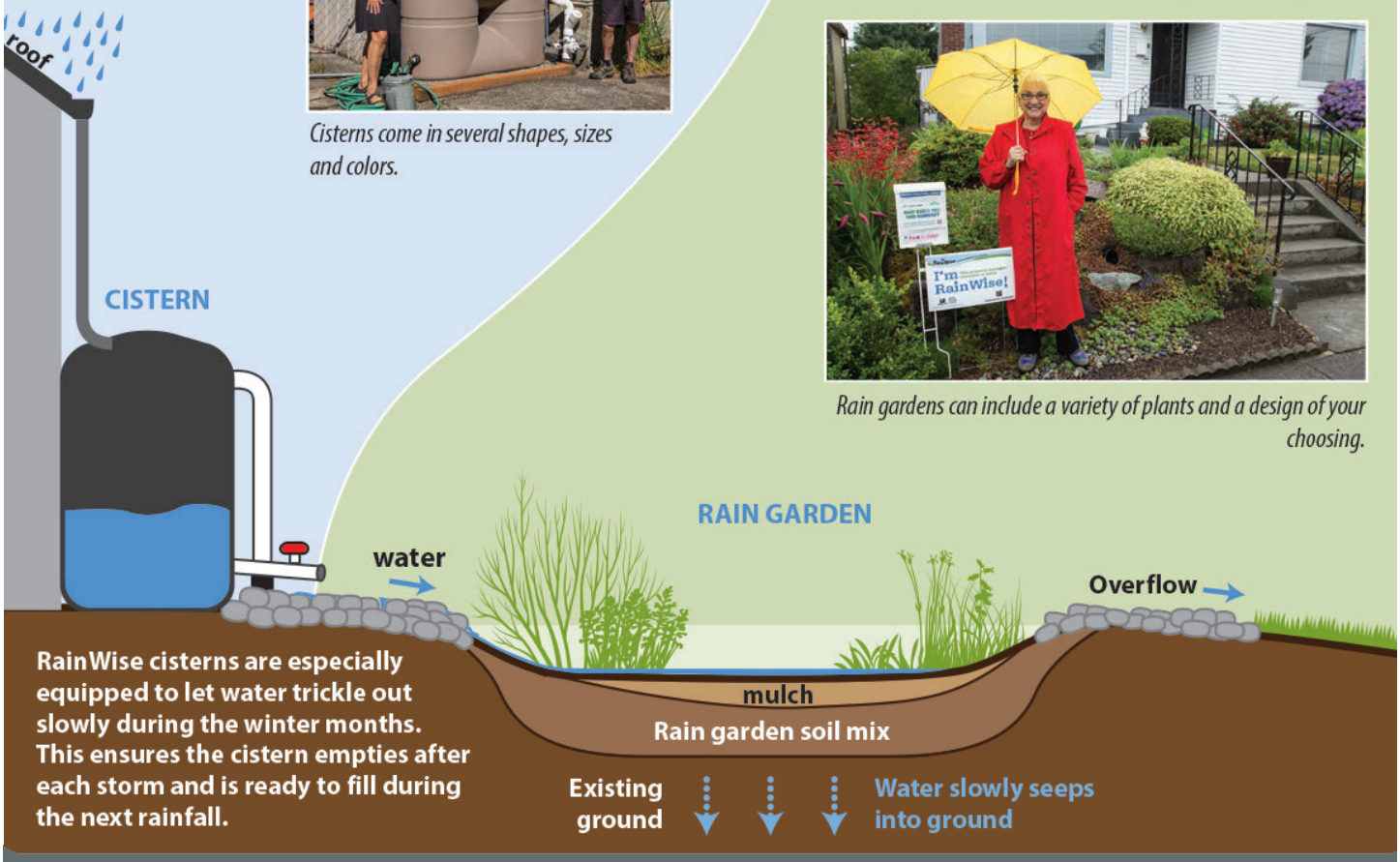
A **cistern** is a large, above-ground container used to collect roof water. It is like a huge rain barrel and can hold 200 or more gallons. During the winter, RainWise cisterns collect rain and slowly release it to the sewer system. In the summer, the water can be collected and used for watering.

Cisterns come in several shapes, sizes and colors.

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.



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.

FAQ

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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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!

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!

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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 went through our RainWise Orientation, and are licensed, bonded and insured. Please evaluate them on their experience.

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

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KEY

Types of installations offered:

- ● = rain gardens
- ◐ = rain gardens + cisterns
- ● = cisterns
- ❖ = can do hardscape and/or construction
- S = Habla Español
- V = Nói Tiếng Việt
- C = 说广东话
- M = 说普通话
- J = 日本人が話す

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RainWise in Your Neighborhood

Take a self-guided tour

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.

Choose a color-coded cluster and match up the addresses!

3037 NW 73rd St
3041 NW 72nd St
7216 32nd Ave NW
8323 28th Ave NW
7558 28th Ave NW
7557 28th Ave NW
8071 Earl Ave NW
7502 Earl Ave NW
2832 NW 73rd St
2703 NW 73rd St
2843 NW 72nd St
7703 26th Ave NW
7047 26th Ave NW
7358 25th Ave NW
7321 24th Ave NW
7049 24th Ave NW
7701 Jones Ave NW
7551 Jones Ave NW
7559 Jones Ave NW
7516 Jones Ave NW
7506 Jones Ave NW
7326 Jones Ave NW

8350 23rd Ave NW
8342 23rd Ave NW
8317 23rd Ave NW
8060 23rd Ave NW
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7717 20th Ave NW
7359 20th Ave NW
7541 18th Ave NW
7322 17th Ave NW
8341 16th Ave NW
8043 16th Ave NW

2857 NW 71st St
2822 NW 70th St
2840 NW 69th St
2837 NW 68th St
2751 NW 67th St
2822 NW 63rd St
2843 NW 67th St
2633 NW 64th St
2847 NW 62nd St
2830 NW 62nd St
2846 NW 63rd St
2432 NW 60th St
3228 NW 59th St
3224 NW 59th St
2428 NW 56th St

6708 Jones Ave NW
6516 Jones Ave NW
6541 Jones Ave NW
6520 Jones Ave NW
6741 23rd Ave NW
6526 22nd Ave NW
6756 22nd Ave NW
7001 21st Ave NW
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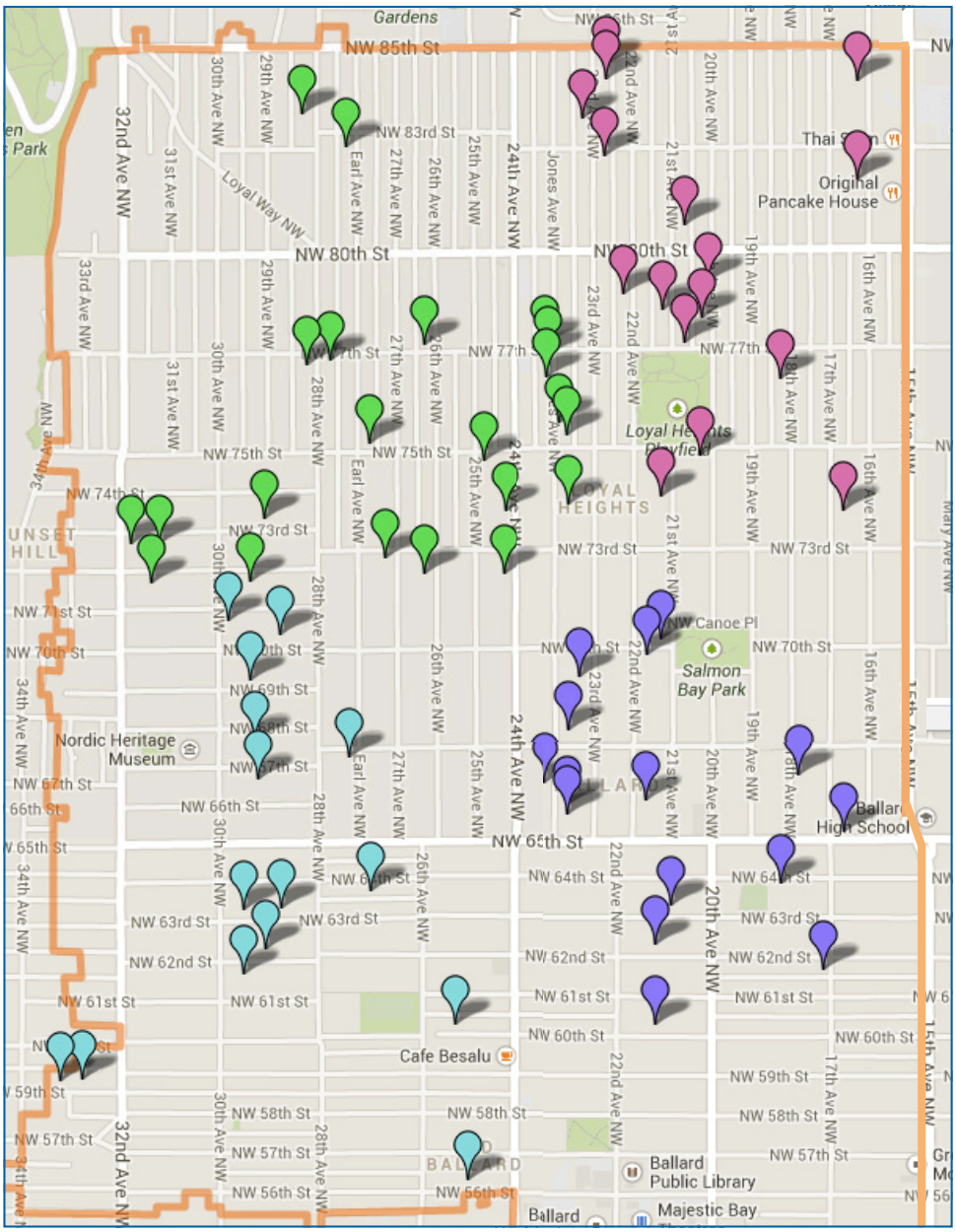

= rain garden(s)
= rain garden(s)+cistern(s)
= cistern(s)

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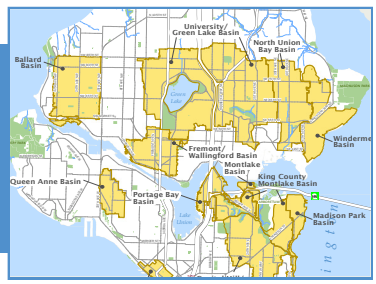
The orange line above marks the Ballard rebate area. Other areas of the City are also eligible – indicated in yellow at right. Tell your friends to check their eligibility at rainwise.seattle.gov !



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