

# Be RainWise rebates for rain gardens & cisterns



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## South Seattle

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.

**W**ith 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:**

**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 minimum 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.

### 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 considered taxable under federal law.

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# Steps to becoming RainWise:

- 1. Check eligibility:**  
Use our eligibility map at [rainwise.seattle.gov](http://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](http://rainwise.seattle.gov)!

Visit

[rainwise.seattle.gov](http://rainwise.seattle.gov)

for tips on maintenance, resources and more!



## 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 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](mailto:rainwise@seattle.gov), we can help!

# South 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!

## Acer Gardens

(206) 747-4746  
acergardening.wa@gmail.com  
[www.acergardening.com](http://www.acergardening.com)



## Batt + Lear

(206) 301-1999  
info@battandlear.com  
[www.battandlear.com](http://www.battandlear.com)



## Dirt Corps

info@thedirtcorps.com  
[www.thedirtcorps.com](http://www.thedirtcorps.com)



## Dynamic Waters

(360) 545-3110  
dynamicwaterpnw@gmail.com



## Earthling Design

(206) 607-7881  
info@earthlingdesign.org  
[www.earthlingdesign.org](http://www.earthlingdesign.org)



## EAZ INC Design/Build

(206) 618-5114  
eaz.inc@gmail.com



## Giang Landscaping & Gardening

(206) 370-5795



## HomeGrown Organics

(206) 498-8785  
hello@hg-organics.com  
[www.hg-organics.com](http://www.hg-organics.com)



## Hop Gardening

(425) 306-1380



## Justin's Landscaping

(206) 390-1463  
[www.justinslandscaping.business.site](http://www.justinslandscaping.business.site)



## Kat with a K Landscaping

(206) 850-2609  
katwithaklandscaping@gmail.com  
[www.katslandscaping.com](http://www.katslandscaping.com)



## Lacewing Fine Gardening & Botanical Design

(206) 319-8659  
britt@lacewingseattle.com  
[www.lacewingseattle.com](http://www.lacewingseattle.com)



## Liang's Construction

(206) 501-0292



## Lumo Landscape

(206) 349-7092  
lumolandscape@gmail.com  
[www.lumolandscape.com](http://www.lumolandscape.com)



## Rain Dog Designs

(253) 389-2060  
David@raindogdesigns.com  
[www.raindogdesigns.com/wordpress](http://www.raindogdesigns.com/wordpress)



## Regeneration Landscaping

206-473-0621  
andrewlong@regenlandscaping.com  
[www.regenlandscaping.com](http://www.regenlandscaping.com)



## Sky Landscaping Services

425-260-7968



## Stone Soup Gardens

(206) 661-7628  
gardenergnome@gmail.com  
[www.stonesoupgardens.com](http://www.stonesoupgardens.com)



## Thriving Garden Design

(206) 326-9732  
thriving.gardens@gmail.com  
[www.thriving-garden.com](http://www.thriving-garden.com)



## Zhen Xin Chen

(206) 319-8011



## 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

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# RainWise in Your Neighborhood

Take a self-guided tour

## South Seattle is getting RainWise!

Plan an outing to check out some rain garden and cistern installations. These RainWise installations are all part of the RainWise Big Roof Program. Please respect their property and observe from the sidewalk only.

### 1. Hawthorne Elementary School

4100 39th Ave S ●

### 2. Lakewood Seward Park Neighborhood Assoc.

4916 S Angeline St ●

### 3. Community Church of Christ

4820 S. Morgan St ●

### 4. MLK Jr. Elementary

6725 45th Ave S ●

### 5. Tiny Tots Development Center

8302 1/2 Renton Ave S ●

### 6. Rainier Beach Presbyterian Church

9656 Waters Ave S ●

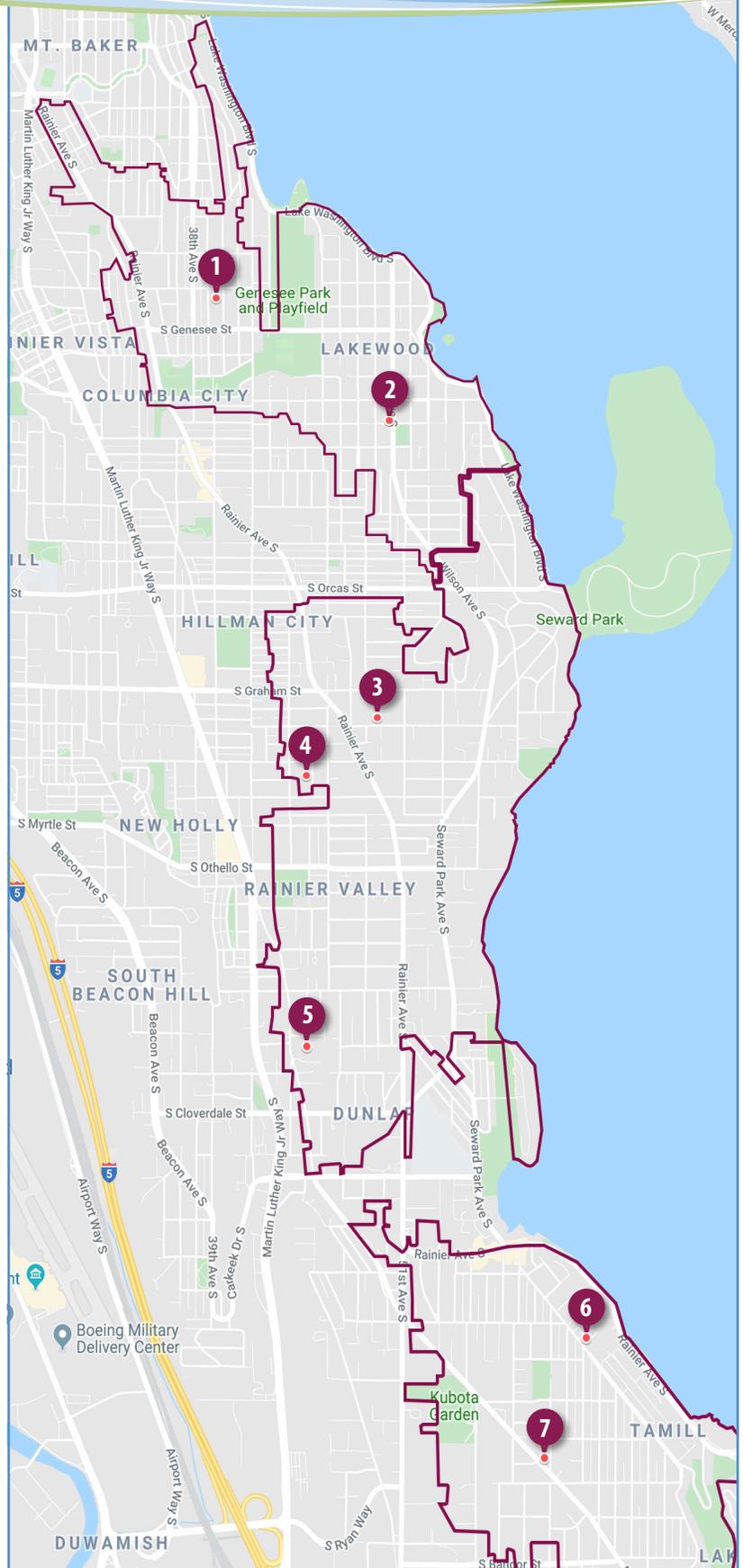
### 7. Amazing Grace Lutheran Church

10056 Renton Ave S ●

● = rain garden(s)

● = rain garden(s)+cistern(s)

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The lines on the map mark the areas that are eligible for RainWise rebates.

Other areas of the City are also eligible – indicated in yellow at the left.

Tell your friends to check their eligibility at [rainwise.seattle.gov](http://rainwise.seattle.gov)!

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