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## RainWise Updates

Happy New Year RainWise contractors!



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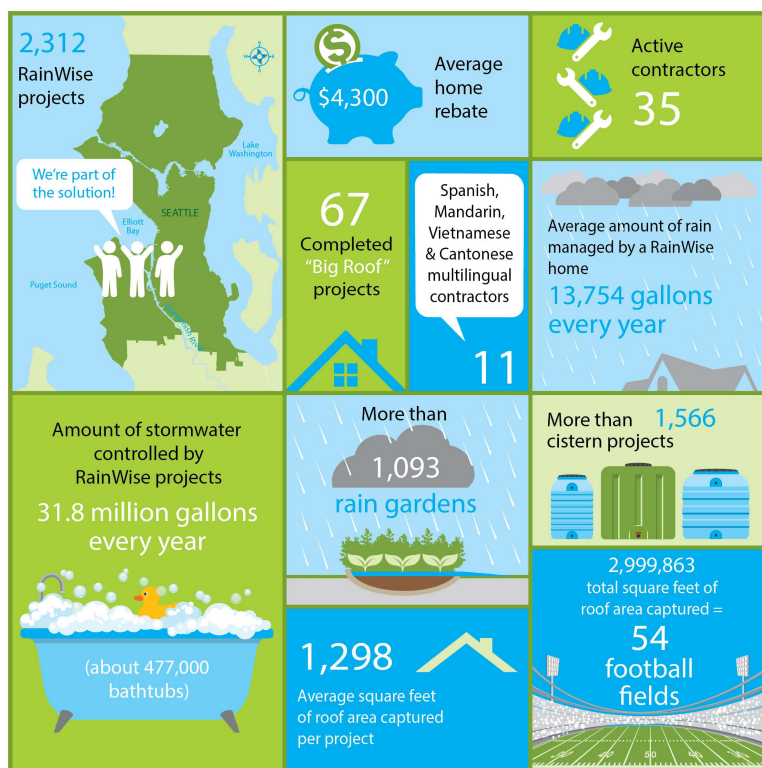
I am thrilled to join you all this year as the new RainWise Program Manager. I have spent the past ten years working at the UW Botanic Gardens, managing a variety of public programs including skill-building courses for landscape contractors. My background is in urban horticulture, and I am passionate about connecting communities with the natural environment! I am inspired by the work you all do with RainWise to engage Seattle residents and help manage our stormwater.

As we enter this new year, there are a number of long-awaited changes on the horizon for RainWise, and we're getting started with rolling out the updated design details. I hope you will join us on **Thursday, March 2** so we can meet each other and go over all the new information. See p. 2 for details.

In spite of wild weather, cost inflation and supply chain challenges, together we have accomplished a lot in the past year. Check out the RainWise by the Numbers table to the right for the latest program accomplishments. I look forward to continuing this work with you all in 2023 to help create a healthier environment for our city.

*Jessica Farmer*

## 2022 RainWise BY THE NUMBERS



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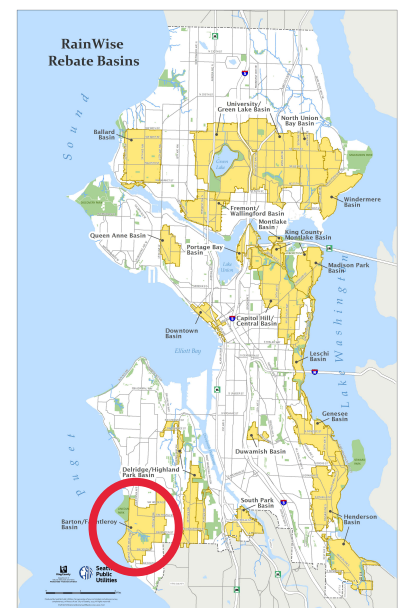
## Learn About New RainWise Design Details - March 2

Mark your calendars! On **March 2, 2:00 - 4:00p.m.**, at the Center for Urban Horticulture (3501 NE 41st St., Seattle) we will host an [in-person meeting](#) for contractors to learn about updated RainWise Program Design Specifications (a.k.a Design Details.) **This is the first major update to the design details since 2014.** There are no drastic changes, but there are some important clarifications and engineering best practices that have been updated, particularly for cisterns. The new details also incorporate updates to various code requirements and links. Printed copies will be available at the training, and you can view the updated [Design Details](#) now on the RainWise website. **All projects with pre-inspections scheduled after the training will be required follow the new specifications.**

In addition to covering the new design details, this meeting will be an opportunity for us to meet in person, to connect with inspectors and outreach staff, and to learn about other program updates for the year ahead. We will record the presentation and attendance is not mandatory, but this will be a great opportunity to get your questions answered, and we hope to see you there! [RSVP now](#)

## Barton/Fauntleroy Basin Re-opening!

The Barton/Fauntleroy basin in West Seattle is once again eligible for RainWise. Barton is a King County basin and was open from 2013 to 2016 for RainWise eligibility. In addition to RainWise, a capital project put in highly engineered roadside rain gardens that control a large volume of stormwater runoff. They controlled the combined sewer overflows (CSOs) for a couple years but with the recent heavy rains and atmospheric rivers, we are just short of avoiding combined sewer overflows this past year. So, we are opening up Barton again as it is such a positive solution to give RainWise rebates for private property owners to control the rain that falls on their roofs. The [eligibility map](#) and lookup tool on the RainWise website have been updated to show these addresses as eligible for the program.



## Program Reminders

**Business License Updates & Annual Contractor Survey** - It is that time again, when we ask you to fulfill **continued participation requirements** of the RainWise Program. All contractors must send us a copy of your 2023 City of Seattle business license (everyone) and a copy of your current Washington State business license (if expired in 2022). **Please take note – failure to provide updated business license information will result in being removed from the program.** Send a PDF or picture of your renewals by email to [tasha.bassett@seattle.gov](mailto:tasha.bassett@seattle.gov) no later than March 1.

And, keep an eye on your email for our annual contractor survey! When you take the survey, you will confirm all of your current contact information and answer a few questions about your business practices and experience with RainWise. This information helps us connect you with prospective customers and gives you an opportunity to provide programmatic feedback as we plan for the year ahead.

Want to Meet New Customers? Sign up at [tinyurl.com/RWcontractor](https://tinyurl.com/RWcontractor)

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

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