

Rainwater Harvesting

What is it?

Rainwater harvesting is the capture, diversion, and storage of rainwater for plant irrigation. The primary concept is to slow down as much of the rainwater runoff as possible and keep it on the property.



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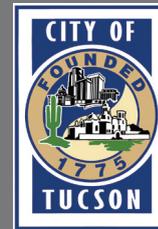


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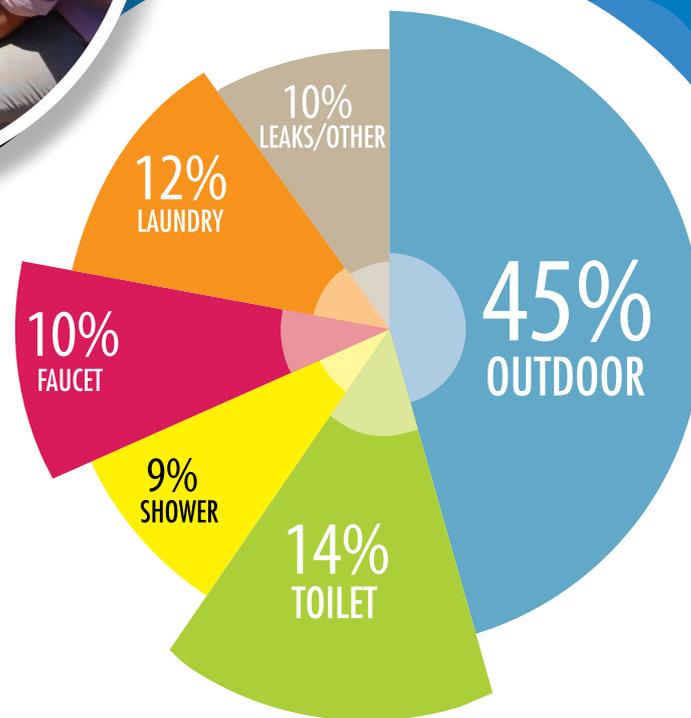
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How is Your Tap Water Used?

On average, **45%** of the water we use goes to outdoor irrigation. Rainwater is not only free, it's salt-free and that makes it a good source of water for all of our plants. When we harvest rainwater, we conserve our drinking water and save money on our water bill.



Did You Know?

Rainwater harvesting reduces dependence on drinking water and the amount of money spent on drinking water. It also reduces off-site flooding and erosion by holding rainwater on-site while improving the quality of your landscape.

Active vs. Passive Harvesting

Passive rainwater harvesting includes directing and retaining water in the landscape by using site-appropriate practices such as basins, berms, terraces, swales, and infiltration trenches. Active rainwater harvesting includes a storage tank to store water for later use with overflow directed towards a passive retention feature and/or a passive rain garden.

Rebate Levels – Do You Qualify?

Tucson Water will rebate qualifying residential rainwater harvesting systems costs under two funding levels: Passive and/or Active, up to a maximum of \$2,000 for the combination. Applicants can decide which funding level to apply for based on the amount of rainwater they plan to capture on-site and the type of practices they want to implement.

Attend Our Free Workshop

To be eligible for the Rainwater Harvesting Incentives Rebate Program, applicants must attend a three-hour workshop.

The workshop will cover:

- rainwater harvesting methods and best practices
- rebate requirements
- how to distinguish between passive and active rainwater harvesting systems
- how to develop a project plan (*Participants are encouraged to bring a basic site plan sketch or bird's eye view of their property to work on during the last hour of the class.*)



Sign up Today!

Workshops are offered throughout the year. A workshop schedule is available at ag.arizona.edu/pima/smartscape.

To sign up for the free workshop, call **SmartScape** at (520) 626-5161.