



Waterwise

Saving water through plumbing

Incentives for households



Free Home Audit

Home owners can apply for a FREE Home Audit, carried out by a licensed plumber through the Master Plumbers Association. They will:

- Do an audit of plumbing fixtures - inspecting all fixtures for leaks (except laundry taps, hose taps or baths)
- Test incoming water pressure
- Inspect water meter and conduct of a low-flow test to ensure it is operational under low flow conditions
- Run a 10 minute reading test to identify undetected leaks
- Check any irrigation systems for existing or potential cross-contamination
- Provide professional advice to homeowner
- Written report supplied to the owner detailing outcomes of the audit and recommendations for specific water saving opportunities

Free Home Audits are available once per property in any five year period and are a pre-requisite for the retrofit toilet subsidy. Visit the [Waterwise](#) section of our website and complete the online form to register.

Waterwise incentives are available to owner/occupier residences only.



Rainwater Tank Subsidy

The rainwater tank subsidy is available for the installation of any new rainwater storage system for residential properties connected to the Council Water Supply in Queanbeyan, Bungendore, Braidwood and Captains Flat.

Tanks must have a minimum 4,000L capacity and rebates are available in two categories. Category 1 rebates for retro-fitting of tanks to existing homes. Category 2 rebates apply where new home-builders install a tank larger than the minimum Building Sustainability Index (BASIX) requirements. BASIX Certificates are to be submitted with tank rebate applications.

To be eligible under the category the rainwater tank rebate application needs to be approved by Council before installation.

Before installing any tank, please contact Council's Environmental Section on 1300 735 025 for the requirements and regulations for tank installation.

CATEGORY 1 REBATES: available for rainwater tank(s) retro-fitted to existing homes

Tank Size	Connection to Outside Watering	Connection to Toilet(s)	Connection to Laundry / Washing Machine	Max Total Rebate
4,000 - 9,999L	\$350	\$234	\$234	\$818
10,000 - 19,999L	\$467	\$234	\$234	\$935
20,000L or greater	\$701	\$234	\$234	\$1,168

CATEGORY 2 REBATES: available for rainwater tank(s) that exceed BASIX requirements for new homes

Water Saving According to BASIX	Provided Water Tank Size \geq 10,000L and tank is connected for Toilet Flushing (\geq 3 Star), Laundry Use and calculations include $>$ 150 sq metres of Outside Watering from the tank
45 - 50% saving	\$374
$>$ 50% saving	\$748

^Tanks of 10,000 litres and greater size need formal development approval however Council will NOT charge any development application fees for these applications

Retrofit Toilet Subsidy

Once home owners have a Home Audit completed, they are entitled to a subsidy for the following toilet suite replacements where they apply:

- Single flush toilets (max two toilets per premises) replaced with a standard 4.5 litre dual flush suite
- Existing dual flush toilets greater than six litre capacity replaced with a standard 4.5 litre dual flush suite.

Toilet replacements will be subsidised at a maximum of \$321 each per toilet, or 50% of the cost for supply and installation (whichever is lower) up to a maximum of two suites per household.

Subsidy will be adjusted annually using installation costs from previous financial years and CPI movements (Sydney-All Groups), whichever is the lesser.

Applications and a quote for toilet suite replacements will be given at the time of the Home Water Audit so owners are aware of their contribution costs. These costs are paid directly to the plumber completing the installation.



Toilet suite subsidy applications can be lodged once per property for the duration of the Waterwise program.

For details about the Waterwise Program or register for a Free Home Audit please visit www.qprc.nsw.gov.au or contact our Waterwise Officer on 1300 735 025.

Rainwater Tank subsidy forms can be submitted in person to:

257 Crawford St, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

13 Gibraltar St, Bungendore NSW 2621

144 Wallace St, Braidwood NSW 2622

or

Posted to: PO Box 90 Queanbeyan NSW 2620

By email to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au

