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Rainwater Harvesting Systems
License \#1079400

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## WHY harvest rainwater?

*FREE source of water

* Water your landscape without drawing from your well or local water supply.
* Readily available water storage for fire suppression.
*Onsite emergency water storage.
*Minimizes your environmental
footprint.
*Rainwater is pure, soft, and reduces
corrosion on irrigation lines.


## Average CA Home <br> WATER USAGE



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## WHAT is rainwater harvesting?

Rainwater harvesting is the collection of rainfall which falls on the roof of your home and stores it for future use. In a typical Central Coast residential landscape, a homeowner can store and reuse, on average, 25,000 gallons per year... enough to maintain a 400 square foot lawn and roo landscape plants!


Simple diagram of Rainwater Harvesting process


5-5,000 gallon storage tanks

HOW much water can I save?


Average Annual Precipitation

| 1. Paso Robles | $17^{\circ}$ | 9. Los Osos |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. Templeton | $19{ }^{-}$ | 10. Avila Beach |
| 3. Cayucos | $19^{-}$ | 11. Pismo Beach |
| 4. Atascadero | $18^{\circ}$ | 12. Arroyo Crand |
| 5. Creston | $13^{\prime}$ | 13. Oceano |
| 6. Morro Bay | $17^{\prime}$ | 14. Lompoc |
| 7. San Luis Obispo 19" |  | 15. Nipomo |
| 8. Santa Margarita $19{ }^{-}$ |  | 16. Santa Maria |

## CALCULATE YOUR SAVINGS:

620 gallons of water can be collected on a 1,000 sq. ft. roof with 1 inch of rain

Therefore, . 62 becomes our multiplier...
A 2,000 sq. ft. home in San Luis Obispo will receive an average of 19 inches of rain per year.

2,000 sq. ft. $\times(19 \times .62)=$
SAVE and REUSE 23,560 gal. per year!



## Estimated Total Water Use

Equation:
$E T W U=\left(E T_{0}\right) \times(0.62) \times[(\mathrm{PF} \times \mathrm{HA} I E)+\mathrm{SLA}]$

| Enter values in Pale Blue Cells |
| :--- |
| Tan Cells Show Results |
| Messages and Warnings |


| Enter Irrigation Efficiency (equal to or greater than 0.71) | 0.91 |
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| Irrigation Efficiency Default Value | 0.71 |






## 15,000 Gallon Capacity

- 1,450 SF Collection Surface $=16,200$ gallons at 18 " per year
- $27 \%$ of landscape water needs were met with this system
- Site has room to accommodate a total of 50,000 gallons of storage
- 5,017 SF Entire house Collection could Net zero Irrigation Needs for the Year



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## Code Requirements

## Chapter 16

All rainwater catchment systems must be permitted by the Authority Having Jurisdiction

## Some Important aspects:

- Complete plumbing plans with necessary data must be submitted for permit
- Collection surfaces include: roof surfaces impervious man-made, above-ground impervious man-made, above
surfaces 1602.9.3 and 1504.0
- Certified Reduced Pressure Backflow prevention device on all cross connection points 1602.4
- Rainwater Catchment systems, spigots valves and outlet points shall be marked in lettering in accordance with Section 601.3.3, with the words: "CAUTION: NONPOTABLE RAINWATER, DO NOT DRINK" 1602.8
- Filtration for Drip Irrigation: Debris excluder 1602.9.10 and 100 Micron filter 1602.9.11
- Filtration for Spray Irrigation: Debris excluder and disinfection in accordance with 1602.9.10
- Conveyance system to storage tanks comply with requirements in Chapter 11
- Operation and Maintenance Manual 1601.5




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    4\% ToiletsLaundry9\% Kitchen/Bathroom faucets9\% Overwatering landscape17\% Shower57\% Landscaping

