

# H<sub>2</sub>O C RAINSMART REBATES PILOT PROGRAM

## Residential Rainwater Collection Incentive Program Overview

### Why collect rainwater?

- **Reduce water use and save money:** Collecting rainwater for use around the yard can help reduce your water use and even save on water bills.
- **Care for plants:** Treat your garden and plants to free rainwater.
- **Keep our waterways clean:** Water that flows into storm drains is not treated and picks up pollutants such as pet waste, pesticides, oils, and other chemicals. By collecting rainwater, you can help reduce harmful pollution to OC's waterways.

### Get paid up to \$1,500 to collect rainwater at your home!

To learn more and apply, visit [h2oc.org/rainsmart](http://h2oc.org/rainsmart) or contact Joe Tomerlin at [jtomerlin@enviroincentives.com](mailto:jtomerlin@enviroincentives.com).

**Eligibility:** Receive water from one of the following water providers: El Toro WD, Laguna Beach County WD, Moulton Niguel WD, Santa Margarita WD, City of San Clemente, South Coast WD, Trabuco Canyon WD

## RAIN GARDENS

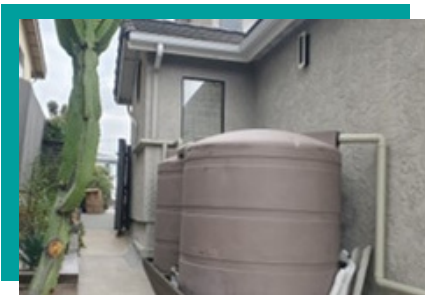


**\$0.75/Square foot of impermeable surface treated up to \$1,500.**

Install a rain garden or dry creek bed to soak up rainwater on your landscape. A rain barrel may be included if desired too. The area should be large and deep enough to hold extra rainwater.

An average home will treat 1,200 sqft and receive \$900.

## RAIN CONTAINERS



**\$0.75/Square foot of impermeable surface treated up to \$1,500.**

Directly collect water at the end of a downspout in a container (also called a cistern) for later use. A container is similar to a rain barrel but can store many more gallons.

An average home will collect 1,200 sqft and receive \$900.

## GUTTERS



**\$5/linear foot of new gutters installed up to \$300.**

Add gutters to your home to control rainwater collection and protect your home from damage. To qualify, new gutters must be connected to a rain garden, rain barrel or a container. The gutter rebate will be included in total rebate calculations.

An average home will install 70 feet and receive \$300.

# PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

## Rain Gardens



**Rain gardens collect runoff with an infiltration feature.**

- Must have a depressed basin lined or filled with rock or mulch.
- Needs to collect the design storm volume without overflowing.
- Has to have an overflow pathway directed to non-eroding areas on the property.
- Should use OC Garden Friendly plants or rocks.
- Containers may be incorporated into rain garden systems.

## Rain Containers



**Containers collect and store rainwater.**

- Must be able to collect the designed storm volume without overflowing.
- Container system must have an overflow mechanism directed to non-eroding areas.
- Runoff must be conveyed directly to the container via downspout, pipe, hose, or similar conduit. Water cannot free fall or free flow.

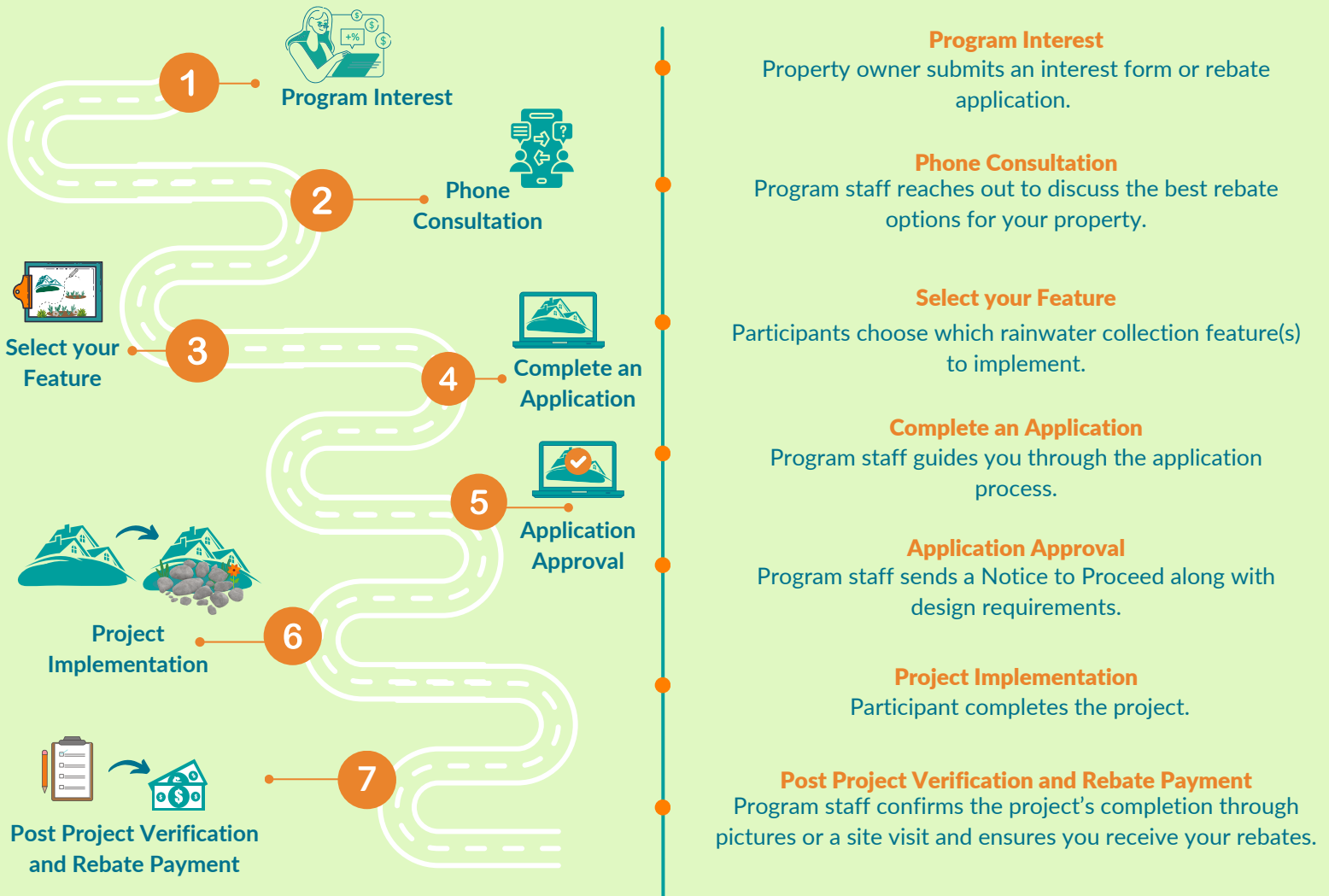
## Gutters



**Gutters control rainwater collection and treat runoff.**

- New gutters collect water from the treated roof area and channel it through downspouts to a rain garden or container.

# PROGRAM PROCESS



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