

GLADSTONE CITY COUNCIL



GUIDELINES FOR INSTALLING RAINWATER TANKS

Rainwater tanks provide a great alternative water supply in urban areas. Tank water can easily be used to for irrigating gardens and filling swimming pools. Rainwater tanks also reduce urban stormwater runoff, which can help to reduce flooding and contamination in creeks, rivers and harbours.

Gladstone City Council is encouraging residents to install rainwater tanks. These guidelines will assist you to do so safely and lawfully.

INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

1. LOCATION OF TANKS

Tanks must not be installed over or adjacent to sewers and must comply with Council's "*Building Adjacent to or Over Sewers Policy*." The minimum horizontal distance between a rainwater tank and sewer is the equivalent sewer depth, or a minimum of 1.5 metres if the depth is less than this.

Tanks must be at least 6 metres from the front property boundary.

2. ENTRY AND EXIT SCREENS

Entry and exit points to tanks must be screened with brass, copper, aluminium or stainless steel mesh. The mesh spacing must be no greater than 1mm to prevent dengue fever carrying mosquitos entering the tank.

3. POTABLE SUPPLY SYSTEM

Rainwater tanks must not be connected to the potable supply system.

4. DRAINAGE REQUIREMENTS

Over flow from tanks should connect to the stormwater system to avoid concentrated discharges on adjoining properties.

5. BUILDING APPROVALS

Rainwater tanks may require a Building Approval from Council if,

- The tank is elevated on a support structure,
- The base of the tank is greater than 10 square meters
- The capacity of the tank is more than 20,000 litres

6. BUILDING REGULATIONS

Where a building approval is not required Rainwater Tanks must comply with the *Standard Building Regulations (1993) Schedules of Self-Assessable Developments*.

7. COUNCIL REGISTER

Rainwater tanks should be registered with Council. Tanks can be recorded by completing the registration form on the back of this document.

RAINWATER TANK REGISTRATION FORM



First Name

Surname/
Company

Address

Suburb

Phone

Tank Capacity
(litres)

Garden

Toilet

Pool

Hot Water

Laundry

Other Uses

*TANK ID - issued
by GCC*