



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Michael L. Personett, Acting Director
Watershed Protection Department *MLP*

DATE: September 12, 2017

SUBJECT: Stormwater Management Discount Program Rollout

Effective September 6, 2017, the Watershed Protection Department began accepting applications for the Stormwater Management Discount program. This program provides a discount to the drainage charge for the following on-site stormwater control measures:

- Rainwater harvesting systems
- Rain gardens
- Stormwater ponds
- Green roofs.

To be eligible for the discount, these stormwater control measures must be voluntary, i.e., not required for development. The program is meant to acknowledge the voluntary efforts that individual Austin residents and businesses have made to improve drainage. Residents and businesses can apply for the discount online at

www.austintexas.gov/DrainageDiscount.

Calculation of the Discount

Like the drainage charge itself, the discount is calculated individually for each address. Each gallon of stormwater storage reduces both the amount and percent of impervious cover that is used to calculate the drainage charge. The table below provides some examples of discount amounts.

Stormwater Control Measure	Typical Discount Range
55 gallon tank	\$0.20 to \$0.30 per month
Small rain garden (60 sq. ft., 6 in. deep)	\$0.70 to \$1.20 per month
1,000 gallon tank	\$2.90 to \$4.90 per month

Please note that the low end of the range is based on a property with 2,000 square feet and 30% impervious cover. The high end is based on 5,000 square feet and 50% impervious cover. Most single-family residential properties fall somewhere within this range. Once approved, each discount will remain in effect for two years.

The discount program is not anticipated to have a significant impact on revenue in the first year. As participation in the program grows, the Watershed Protection Department will monitor the total discounts being provided and assess whether to individually budget for the discount program in future years.

The attached flyer provides a quick overview of the program. Additional detail can be found at www.austintexas.gov/DrainageDiscount. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact Anupa Gharpurey, Financial Manager, at 512-974-2543.

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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DISCOUNT ON YOUR DRAINAGE CHARGE

Do you collect rain water at your home or business? If so, you may be helping to reduce flooding, erosion and water pollution problems. The Stormwater Management Discount acknowledges your efforts and reduces your drainage charge. The drainage charge is part of City of Austin utility bills.

WHAT'S ELIGIBLE?



**RAINWATER HARVESTING
SYSTEM**



RAIN GARDEN



GREEN ROOF



STORMWATER POND

Note: To be eligible, the stormwater control measures listed above must be voluntary, i.e., not required for development. Discounts are calculated the same way for both commercial and residential properties.

AMOUNT OF DISCOUNT

The discount is variable based on the capacity of your stormwater control measure and the impervious cover at your address. You may offset up to 50% of your impervious cover with this discount. Impervious cover includes parking lots, driveways, walkways, rooftops, patios, sheds and other surfaces that contribute to stormwater runoff.

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Actual discount will vary depending on the amount and percent of impervious cover on a property. The low end of the range is based on a property with 2,000 square feet and 30% impervious cover. The high end is based on a property with 5,000 square feet and 50% impervious cover.

The drainage charge pays for programs and projects that help with flooding, erosion and water pollution. **Apply for a stormwater management discount now at www.austintexas.gov/DrainageDiscount.**

**For billing questions, call 512-494-9400.
To report drainage concerns, call 3-1-1.**



DESCUENTO A SU CARGO DEL DRENAJE POR EL MANEJO DE AGUAS DE LLUVIA

Si usted recolecta el agua de la lluvia, entonces está ayudándonos a reducir el impacto de la inundación, erosión, y la contaminación de agua. ¡Gracias!

El cargo del drenaje aparece en su recibo de utilidades expedido por la Ciudad de Austin. Cuando usted recolecta el agua de la lluvia se le otorga un descuento a su cargo del drenaje, ya que reconocemos el esfuerzo que hace al recolectar el agua de la lluvia.

REQUISITOS DE ELEGIBILIDAD



**TANQUE DE LLUVIA O
CISTERNA**



JARDÍN DE LLUVIA



TECHO VERDE



ESTANQUE

Para ser elegible para el descuento, estas particularidades deben de haber sido construidas voluntariamente y que no hayan formado parte de los requisitos para la construcción original de su propiedad. El descuento se calcula de la misma manera tanto para viviendas como para propiedades comerciales.

CANTIDAD DE DESCUENTO

El descuento es variable y se basa en la cantidad de agua que usted recolecta, y en la superficie impermeable de su domicilio. La superficie impermeable incluye estacionamientos, entrada a garajes, veredas, techos, patios y cobertizos.

TAMAÑO	CANTIDAD DE DESCUENTO
Tanque de 55 galones	\$0.20 a \$0.30 por mes
Jardín de lluvia pequeño (60 pies cuadrados, 6 pulgadas de profundidad)	\$0.70 a \$1.20 por mes
Tanque de 1,000 galones	\$2.90 a \$4.90 por mes

* El descuento que le ofrecemos puede variar porque se calcula individualmente para cada propiedad y se basa en la cantidad y porcentaje de la superficie impermeable. El descuento mínimo se basa sobre una propiedad de 2,000 pies cuadrados con 30% superficie impermeable. El descuento máximo se basa sobre una propiedad de 5,000 pies cuadrados con 50% superficie impermeable.

El cargo del drenaje provee financiamiento a programas y proyectos que ayudan a monitorear la calidad del agua de Austin y que mitigan las inundaciones, erosión y contaminación del agua.

Solicita su descuento del manejo de agua de lluvia ahora: www.austintexas.gov/drainagecharge

**Para preguntar sobre su cuenta llama al 512-494-9400.
Para preguntar sobre el drenaje llama al 3-1-1.**

