

## **2024 Rain Barrel Rebate Program**

### **What is a Rain Barrel?**

Easy to install and usually inexpensive, rain barrels are an excellent way to conserve Ladysmith's drinking water supply. Rain barrels collect rainwater from buildings and rooftops to be used at later times. This water can be used for outdoor irrigation, reducing the need to use treated water from the tap.

### **Why Collect Rainwater?**

- Rainwater is naturally soft and devoid of minerals, making it better for plants and soil.
- You will have your own water source in times of drought or water restrictions.
- Water conservation reduces your utility bill cost.
- Helps to supplement your outdoor water use, reducing strain on the reservoir when demand is highest, and supply is lowest.
- Reduces the volume of storm water run-off, preventing erosion and preserving creek health.

Rainwater is not treated; therefore, it is non-potable. Do not use this water to drink or cook with.

### **The Program:**

For a limited time, the Town of Ladysmith is offering one 50% rebate of the barrel cost, up to a maximum of \$75 per household for installing a rain barrel. The barrel must be a minimum size of 189 litres (50 gallons) to qualify. The rain barrel must be manufactured from BPA-free Polyethylene material. The rebate is available on a first come, first served basis until funds are exhausted. To ensure you do not miss out, apply early.

### **Who is Eligible?**

This offer is only for owners of existing residential buildings with a valid occupancy permit, property taxes in good standing, located within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Ladysmith and connected to the Town of Ladysmith water systems.

### **What do you Need to Apply?**

1. Completed application form (on reverse)
2. Proof of installation as follows:
  - a. Receipt dated on or after January 1, 2024, for purchase of a rain barrel, which notes the size of the barrel.
  - b. Photograph of the rain barrel installed in place.

We recommend you make a copy of your application form and receipts for your own records, as all information provided will not be returned.

### **Where do I Send my Completed Application Form?**

You can mail this information to us at PO Box 220, Ladysmith BC V9G 1A2. You can also drop it off in our drop box at City Hall at 410 Esplanade Avenue, or email copies of all necessary information to [finance@ladysmith.ca](mailto:finance@ladysmith.ca)

## Applicant Information:

Owner(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Installation Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Utility Bill Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Rain Barrel Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby certify that the information given is correct and the size of the rain barrel (minimum of 189 litres or 50 gallons) has been installed at the installation address. I agree to permit a representative of the Town of Ladysmith access to inspect this installation if needed for the purpose of ensuring the requirements of the rebate program have been met. I acknowledge that the inspection of the installation by Town staff is **not** for the purpose of ensuring the rain barrel has been installed properly. I understand that the Town of Ladysmith is not responsible for the functioning of the rain barrel and that submission of an application does not guarantee a rebate.*

To ensure your application's success, make sure it meets the minimum specifications and is complete with proof of purchase and photos attached. All rebates are issued on a first come, first served basis, and may take two to three weeks to process. All rebates are subject to availability of funds and the rebate program may be changed or terminated without notice.

Recycle the Rain!



Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information on the Town of Ladysmith's Rain Barrel Rebate Program, please visit our website at <https://www.ladysmith.ca/our-services/water/water-rebate-rebates>