



WATER TIPS

RAINWATER HARVESTING

DID YOU KNOW?

1,000 square feet of roof can collect 420 gallons of water from 1 inch of rain. Since Albuquerque's average outdoor water use is 65 gallons per person per day, an inch of rain could provide several days worth of water for your yard.

Rainwater is free of salt and minerals which can harm root growth. It washes away salt from the root zone, allowing roots to grow better.

Capturing rainwater also helps reduce flooding, erosion, and contamination of surface water.

COLLECTION

Collecting and storing rainwater can be as simple as placing rain barrels under downspouts, or as complex as an underground cistern with a filtration system.

Traditionally, rainwater harvesting has been used in arid and semi-arid climates, like Albuquerque, to provide water for household use, gardens and livestock.

Now, rainwater can be used to provide extra moisture to help keep your yard healthy and green, and save money on your water bill.

REBATES

The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority has recently changed the rebates for rainwater harvesting. The rebate amount is now based on the amount of rain that can be stored:

50-149 gallons	\$25
150-299 gallons	\$50
300-499 gallons	\$75
500-999 gallons	\$100
1000-1499 gallons	\$125
1500 gallons +	\$150

For more information on water conservation rebates, visit <http://www.abcwua.org/waterconservation/index.html>.

