

# Downspout Redirect Rebate Guide



## Eligibility

- City of San Diego Public Utilities Department residential customers served by an individual water meter may participate in the rebate program.
- If your homeowners association pays your water bill, please have a board member sign your application as well.

## Specifications

- Downspout runoff should be directed to pervious landscaping at least 5 feet from the structure and property lines, and must be directed away from storm drains and neighboring properties.
- Redirected water must drain away from the structure at a slight slope of 1%-6%.
- Ensure that the redirected water does not infiltrate near underground utilities.
- If using pipe extensions, extensions should not be directed to, or cross over, impervious surfaces; such as sidewalks or driveways.
- It is recommended that areas receiving rooftop runoff be landscaped with vegetation to reduce runoff and potential erosion (native plants are recommended).
- Landscaped areas currently prone to ponding or pooling of water are not good candidates for downspout redirections.

## Value of Downspout Redirects

A downspout is a pipe that helps rainwater flow off the roof, but they often flow directly onto hard, impervious areas like concrete or pavement. That water runoff then enters the storm drain system where it flows untreated into San Diego's waterways and the ocean. A downspout redirect helps this rainwater flow to a vegetated area to be naturally filtered instead. So joining your neighbors and utilizing this rebate will help protect our beaches, water quality and marine life.

## Here's What You Need to Do

1. Before applying, determine which downspouts can be fitted with a redirect.
2. Take one clear pre-installation photo of each downspout which will be fitted with a redirect. Photos must also include the area where current runoff occurs.
3. Purchase and install downspout redirects that meet the specifications in the previous "Specifications" section.
4. Take at least two clear post-installation photos of the redirect with the runoff area.
5. Submit the [Downspout Redirect Application](https://publicutilities.wufoo.com/forms/p13eurez0v6av7i/) (<https://publicutilities.wufoo.com/forms/p13eurez0v6av7i/>) and upload your supporting documentation:
  - » All "pre" and "post" installation photos (see Steps 2 and 4).
  - » Paid invoices or sales receipts (must show price of each redirector, store name, purchase date and payment method).
6. You can also request a hard copy application by calling 619-980-9754.
7. Submit a W-9 form online or by mail to the City to receive your rebate funds.
  - » **Online:** <https://www.sandiego.gov/w9> via Adobe Sign.
  - » **By mail** (may take additional processing time):  
City of San Diego Public Utilities Department  
Attn: Rain Harvesting Rebate Program  
525 B Street, Suite 400  
San Diego, CA 92101

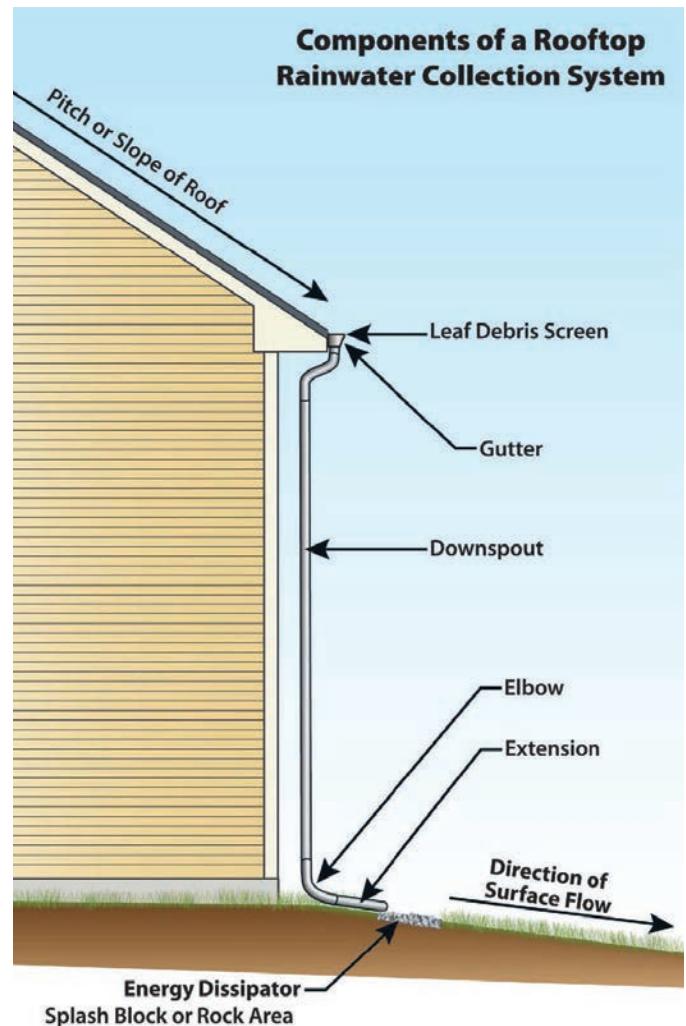
## What Does Not Qualify for a Rebate?

- Redirects purchased before Nov. 1, 2018.
- Labor, fuel or tools costs.
- Taxes, fees or tariffs associated with the purchase of rebate-related devices or work performed.

## Other Important Information

- A post-site inspection may be required by City of San Diego, San Diego County Water Authority, State of California Department of Water Resources, The Governor of the State of California, or any authorized representative of such agencies.
- Rebate check will be sent approximately 6-8 weeks after the application is deemed complete.
- Participants must allow the City to reference the project in outreach materials and respond to program reporting requests.
- Please visit Metropolitan Water District at [bewaterwise.com](http://bewaterwise.com) to determine if you are eligible for additional rebates.

**Find more information and other available rebates to help prevent water waste at [WasteNoWater.org](http://WasteNoWater.org)**



## CONTACT

If you have questions after reading these guidelines, please call 619-980-9754 or e-mail [waterconservationrebates@sandiego.gov](mailto:waterconservationrebates@sandiego.gov). Include your project reference number if you have one.

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