

# Rain Gutter Rebate Guide



## Value of Rain Gutters

Rain gutters protect your roof and foundation by diverting rainwater away from them. Gutters should flow away from storm drains to a landscaped area to let your vegetation naturally filter out pollutants and prevent runoff. The water that flows into the storm drain goes untreated into San Diego's bays, estuaries and ocean, so joining your neighbors and utilizing this rain gutter rebate will help protect our beaches, water quality and marine life.

## 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 (HOA) pays your water bill, please have a board member sign your application as well.

## Specifications

- Rebates for up to 250 linear feet of new gutters vary by material type.

Material Type	Rebate per linear foot	Maximum Rebate
PVC	\$0.25	\$62.50
Aluminum	\$1.25	\$312.50
Steel	\$2.00	\$500.00

- Gutters must be designed to redirect rainwater to a pervious landscape or rain barrel and away from buildings and/or adjacent properties.
- Gutters must be maintained for a minimum of three years upon receipt of rebate. Maintenance includes removing debris to ensure rainwater flow and repairing leaks when necessary.

## Here's What You Need to Do

1. Before applying, calculate the length and gutter capacity you need. Most homes use a 5-inch K-style gutter, where 1 foot holds 1.2 gallons of water. Also, 1,000 square feet of roof surface captures 625 gallons of water for every 1 inch of rain that falls.
2. Take one clear pre-installation photo of each side of the roof (corner to corner) where you plan to install your rain gutters. Take another photo of each downspout or proposed downspout location, as well as the area where the rainwater will be diverted to.
3. Purchase and install rain gutter(s) that meet the specifications on the next page.
4. Take at least one clear post-installation photo of each side of your roof, showing the lengths of gutters and area where the water is being diverted to (photos must be taken from at least two directions).
5. Submit the Rain Gutter Rebate Application (<https://publicutilities.wufoo.com/forms/rainwater-harvesting-rebate-program-rain-gutters/>) 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 gutter piece, 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  
[wastenowater.org](https://www.wastenowater.org)

## Installation Recommendations

- Follow the manufacturer's installation and maintenance instructions or consider hiring a professional installer.
- Make sure that gutters are sloped properly so all rainwater will drain out.
- Use aluminum and galvanized gutters that last longer than PVC and can be recycled.
- Add gutter guards to reduce leaves and other materials from clogging gutters.
- Utilize splash blocks and/or riprap rock areas underneath downspouts to redirect flows and prevent erosion in green spaces.

## What Does Not Qualify for the Gutter Rebate?

- Fasteners, hangers, elbows, corner pieces, end caps, downspouts, rain barrels, cisterns, splash rocks, riprap rocks, leaf guards or copper materials. You can separately apply for the downspout redirect and/or rain barrel rebate programs.
- Haul away and disposal fees of old gutters, along with labor, fuel or tools costs. The Miramar Landfill will accept metal gutters as "donation items."
- Gutters purchased before Dec. 1, 2018.
- Costs associated with fixtures or components used to install or secure gutters.
- Taxes, fees or tariffs associated with the purchase of rebate-related devices or work performed.
- Copper materials are not allowed due to potential leaching concerns.

## 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.

If you are an HOA seeking to purchase gutters for your community, the 250 linear feet maximum per detached single-family home or one per multi-family building still applies. Only one application is required per HOA community. All other parameters and requirements above apply to each address.



**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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