

Residential Rain Barrels/ Cistern Maintenance Schedule and Guidelines

This document to be attached to the Stormwater Utility Fee Maintenance Agreement

Routine Maintenance Guidelines

Rain barrels and cisterns must be inspected to ensure they operate in good working condition and in accordance with the approved design and specifications. Items in need of repair must be immediately addressed.

All rain barrel and cistern components should be inspected by the homeowner twice per year.

Routine Maintenance Tasks	Frequency
Remove leaves and debris from gutters and downspouts	Semi-annually
Remove any algae growth	Semi-annually
Inspect and clean prescreening devices and first flush diverters	Quarterly
Inspect and clean storage tank lids	Annually
Inspect for and repair any clogging	Annually
Inspect and repair mosquito screens	Annually
Inspect tank and remove sediment build up	Every 3 years
Clear overhanging vegetation and trees over roof	Every 3 years
Check integrity of backflow preventer	Every 3 years
Inspect structural integrity of tank, pump, pipe, and electrical system and repair any damage	Every 3 years
Replace damaged or defective system components	As needed