

## 2026 Rain Barrel Rebate Program

The City of Calgary Rain Barrel Rebate program is returning in Spring of 2026 and will be delivered again through Green Calgary.

### 2026 Rain Barrel Rebate Program Details

**Rebate amount:** \$50 per rain barrel\*

**Maximum rebates per household:** 3 (up to three rain barrels)

**Application period:** April 1, 2026, to Oct. 31, 2026 (or until available funding is fully allocated). If funding is fully allocated before Oct. 31, 2026, program closing will be announced.

**Funding:** up to 3,500 rebates are available (first come, first served, while funding lasts)

**Processing time:** as we expect a large volume of applications, please allow 4–6 weeks for Green Calgary to process and approve your application. Once approved, please allow another 4–6 weeks to receive your rebate payment.

*\* The rebate is a flat \$50 per eligible rain barrel or the price paid, whichever is less, regardless of size. Accessories/add-ons are not eligible for rebate. Rain barrels must be an original sale (not resale).*



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## How to Apply

You may apply using one of the following three methods: online, by mail, or in person.

**Online:** The online application will open on April 1, 2026, and will be available through a link on our website ([www.greencalgary.org/rain](http://www.greencalgary.org/rain)).

**Mail:** On April 1, 2026, a printable version of the application form will be available on our website ([www.greencalgary.org/rain](http://www.greencalgary.org/rain)). You may download and complete this form, then mail it to Green Calgary. The physical application form includes additional instructions.

**In-person:** As of April 1, 2026, you may complete your application in person at our office on Tuesday to Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., located on the eighth floor at #810 – 105 12 Ave SE, Calgary, AB T2G 1A1. Please bring original receipts and any additional proof of purchase, and review the program details and eligibility criteria before your visit.

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## Eligibility for the 2026 Rain Barrel Rebate

### To be eligible, you must meet ALL of the following:

- You are a City of Calgary resident, and the rain barrel is for use at your household address.
- You have an itemized receipt or invoice for your rain barrel purchase.
- The rebate applies to the rain barrel storage container only.
  - Accessories/add-ons do not count toward the rebate or final price.
- The rain barrel must be purchased as an original sale (not resale).
  - Private individuals (Facebook Marketplace, Kijiji, garage sales, person-to-person) are not eligible.
- Your receipt must be dated within 12 months of the date you submit your rebate application. Examples:
  - If you submit your rebate application on April 1, 2026, your receipt must be dated April 1, 2025, or newer.
  - If you submit your rebate application on July 15, 2026, your receipt must be dated July 15, 2025, or newer.
- You have not exceeded the maximum of three rebates per household for the 2026 program. You are eligible to rebate up to 3 barrels. Please note:
  - If you've been approved for any number of rebates in the 2025 program, that does not count towards the 2026 program.
  - Rain barrels already approved for in 2025 cannot be reapplied for in 2026.

### Not eligible:

- Private sales (for example, Facebook Marketplace, Kijiji, garage sales, or purchases without an itemized receipt/invoice).
- Accessories/add-ons (for example, stands, diverters, downspout kits, hoses, filters, rain chains, etc.).

## Proof of purchase

### What your documentation should show:

**All itemized receipts or invoices:** must display the vendor's name, purchase date, rain barrel as a line item (or clearly described), price, and taxes.

- If your vendor does not clearly describe the rain barrel as a line item, please contact Green Calgary at [products@greencalgary.org](mailto:products@greencalgary.org) before submitting your application.

**In-store (paper) receipts:** please write “Applied for City of Calgary rain barrel rebate” on the receipt before you scan/photograph it. (*This is not required for online/digital receipts.*)

**Online orders:** provide an itemized receipt/invoice and proof of delivery or pickup (for example, a delivery confirmation email **and** order confirmation showing the delivery/pickup address).

- For online orders, we ask for delivery/pickup confirmation alongside order confirmation/receipt, as we need to ensure applicants have received their rain barrels **before** receiving their rebate.

**Fundraisers / local pop-up sale events:** sometimes these events cannot provide standard proof of delivery/pickup. If this is the case, please contact [products@greencalgary.org](mailto:products@greencalgary.org) to discuss alternative proof of delivery/pickup document.

**Contractor-supplied rain barrels:** provide an itemized invoice that clearly identifies the rain barrel as a separate line item (not bundled only as a lump sum).

- If a contractor has purchased a rain barrel to provide installation/services, the contractor must provide the original receipt to the homeowner, or they must clearly indicate this on their own invoice/receipt, aligning with the above proof of purchase criteria.
- The homeowner must be the one to submit the rebate application. The application information required from the rebate recipient remains the same.

*All applications are reviewed by Green Calgary to confirm eligibility and to prevent duplicate rebates per household.*

## Receiving Your Rebate Payment

### Once your rebate is approved, this is how you will receive your payment

Rebates are issued by Green Calgary. Applicants may accept to receive their rebate payment by mailed cheque or e-transfer. (*Tip: double-check your email address — typos can delay payment.*)

**E-transfer:** If selected, Green Calgary may use the payment processing software [Plotoo](#) to deliver your rebate payment to the email address provided in your application.

**Plotoo does not offer auto-deposit for first-time payments. Plotoo will use the email [no-reply@plotoo.com](mailto:no-reply@plotoo.com) when notifying recipients to accept their payments.**

If you choose e-transfer, Plotoo will require the following for you to accept your payment:

- An answer to a security question (given to approved applicants by Green Calgary)
- **Either** of the following, as chosen by the recipient
  - your online banking credentials **or**
  - your 5-digit transit number (bank branch), 3-digit institution number (your bank), and account number
    - This information can be found on a void cheque or in your online banking account.

For a deeper explanation on this process, please visit Plotoo's webpage on receiving an email money transfer: <https://plotoo.my.site.com/support/s/article/for-email-money-transfer-what-does-the-contact-see-when-receiving-a-payment>

If you do not want to follow the above process, **please choose a mailed cheque when filling out your application.** Switching to mailed cheque after your application is processed for e-transfer causes considerable delays in receiving your rebate payment.

**Mailed cheque:** If selected, Green Calgary will use the address provided in your application to mail your rebate cheque. Cheque's may take up to 4 weeks to arrive at your address from the time we confirm rebate application approval. **Please write your name the way it appears in your bank documents** to avoid bank rejection and considerable delays.

## FAQ

### **What is Green Calgary's role in the Rain Barrel Rebate Program, and what is their relationship with The City of Calgary?**

Green Calgary is a registered charity partnering with the City of Calgary to administer the 2025 Rain Barrel Rebate Program. We are responsible for application processing and approval, communication, and disbursement of rebate payments for the City of Calgary 2026 Rain Barrel Rebate program.

Green Calgary is a separate entity from the City of Calgary and has been working with the City for over 20 years by providing educational environmental sustainability programs to Calgarians. The City of Calgary has supported Green Calgary in our annual rain barrel sales, helping us get more rain barrels in the hands of Calgarians and promoting water conservation.

### **How do I purchase rain barrels through Green Calgary?**

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, at 9am MST, Green Calgary will release rain barrels available for pre-sale on our online EcoStore ([shop.greencalgary.org](http://shop.greencalgary.org)). When purchasing one of our pre-sale rain barrels online, you will be prompted to choose one of four sales locations and dates to pick up your rain barrel(s), which will be announced before April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. We do not offer delivery.

### **What if I am unable to purchase a Green Calgary rain barrel online during pre-sale?**

If you cannot order a pre-sale rain barrel online, we also offer limited amounts of barrels to purchase on-site at our rain barrel sales. The dates and locations of these sales will be announced before April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. We will also have our rain barrels available for purchase at Golden Acre Home & Garden on an ongoing basis. Kindly contact Golden Acre to inquire about up-to-date stock status.

### **When can I apply for the 2026 Rain Barrel Rebate program?**

The program is returning in 2026, and rebate applications will open April 1, 2026.

### **When does the 2026 Rain Barrel Rebate program close?**

Applications open April 1, 2026 and will be accepted until Oct. 31, 2026, or until available funding is fully allocated. If funding is fully allocated before Oct. 31, 2026, program closing will be announced.

### **How much is the rebate?**

The rebate is \$50 per eligible rain barrel.

### **How many rebates can I apply for?**

You can apply for up to three rebates per household (up to three rain barrels).

### **What is considered a household? Can I apply for rain barrels purchased for other properties I own?**

A household is a dwelling that is comprised of a single person or multiple persons residing in a single unit. You may only apply for rebates at the single residence in which you reside.

### **What receipts are eligible (12-month rule)?**

Receipts must be dated within 12 months of the date you submit your rebate application. Example: If you apply on April 1, 2026, your receipt must be dated April 1, 2025 or newer.

### **Can I buy a rain barrel before applications open and apply later?**

Yes. If your receipt is dated within 12 months of your application date, you can apply once applications open. Applications open April 1, 2026 and will be accepted until Oct. 31, 2026, or until available funding is fully allocated. If funding is fully allocated before Oct. 31, 2026, program closing will be announced.

### **Are online orders eligible?**

Online orders are expected to be eligible if you can provide an itemized receipt/invoice and proof of delivery showing the delivery address, or proof of pickup. The rebate is intended for those who are in physical possession of their rain barrel at the time of applying. Therefore, proof of delivery or pickup is required, and order confirmation alone is not sufficient.

### **Are contractor-supplied rain barrels eligible?**

Contractor-supplied rain barrels are expected to be eligible if you can provide an itemized invoice that clearly identifies the rain barrel as a separate line item. If a contractor has purchased a rain barrel to provide installation/services, the contractor must provide the original receipt to the homeowner, or they must clearly indicate this on their own invoice/receipt, aligning with the proof of purchase criteria. The homeowner must be the one to submit the rebate application. The application information required from the rebate recipient remains the same.

### **How long will it take to receive the rebate?**

As we expect a large volume of applications, please allow 4–6 weeks for Green Calgary to process and approve your application. Once approved, please allow another 4-6 weeks to receive your rebate payment.

### **What if funding runs out?**

Up to 3,500 rebates are available. Rebates are first come, first served, while funding lasts.

### **Are accessories eligible for a rebate?**

No. The rebate applies to the rain barrel storage container only. Accessories/add-ons are not eligible.

### **Do I need to write “Applied for City of Calgary rain barrel rebate” on my receipt?**

If you have a paper receipt from an in-store purchase, please write “Applied for City of Calgary rain barrel rebate” on the receipt before scanning/photographing it. Online orders do not need this note on the receipt.

### **I bought a rain barrel at a fundraiser or pop-up sale and don’t have proof of delivery/pickup. What do I do?**

Some fundraisers or pop-up sale events may not be able to provide standard proof of delivery/pickup. If this is the case, please contact [products@greencalgary.org](mailto:products@greencalgary.org) to discuss alternative proof of delivery/pickup document.