

# HARVEST RAINWATER WITH NATURESCAPE!

Through a partnership with the County of Orange stormwater program, <u>NatureScape is offering new</u> rebates to help participants capture rainwater.

# Why capture rainwater?

# Healthier plants and soil

Rainwater is naturally "soft" and free of salts, minerals, and chemicals making it the best water source for healthy plants and soil.

# Reduce water use and save money

Capturing rainwater for use around the yard can help you reduce your water use and even save on water bills.

# Keep our waterways clean

Water that flows into storm drains is not treated and picks up pollutants such as pesticides, oils, and other chemicals. By capturing rainwater, you can help reduce harmful pollution on creeks, rivers, bays, and the ocean.

Rebates are based on the volume of rainwater participants capture from their roof during a typical storm. The larger the roof area you can capture rainwater from, the higher your rebate. NatureScape offers two incentive options to help you harvest rainwater:

# Landscape Feature

Direct your downspout to a landscape feature such as a rain garden or dry creek.



# Store rainwater for soil and plants long after the rain is gone.

### Create a beautiful focal point for your landscape.

Rebate is \$0.80/gallon of rainwater captured in the feature, up to \$599.

Participants can also get up to \$70 for two rain barrels via SoCalWaterSmart.com

# Cistern

Direct your downspout to a cistern (large rain barrels that can capture more rain.)



Picture from Catching H2O Me http://h2o-me.com

### **Cisterns store rain for future use.**

# Use rain collected in the winter to water your plants in the summer and save money on your water.

NatureScape rebate is \$2.50/gallon of rainwater captured up to \$1,000, and takes into account the rebate allocated from SoCalWaterSmart, which is \$250 to \$350 depending on the size of the cistern.

## The first step is to submit an application to have your site evaluated for the program.

# HARVEST RAINWATER WITH A LANDSCAPE FEATURE

# What do you need to do?

**1. Purchase materials.** You can find materials at your local hardware store or online. You may replace your downspout with a rain chain, or redirect your downspout. Expect to spend \$50-\$200 on materials.

**2. Redirect your downspout to the feature.** The Installation Guide helps you do this yourself or hire a contractor. You can also install a rain barrel to store rainwater for use before it reaches the feature.

# What does NatureScape do?

**1. Design.** Our designer will measure your roof area and the volume of rainwater it produces to determine your rebate amount. We will design a feature to capture all rainwater from your roof and incorporate it into your NatureScape design.

**2. Installation and Resources.** Installation is included in your NatureScape project We'll provide a Maintenance Plan to support long-term care for your feature.





# Picture from Catching H20 Me

http://h2o-me.com

# HARVEST RAINWATER WITH A CISTERN

# What do you need to do?

**1. Purchase materials.** Costs of a cistern depend on the size and shipping can range from \$700 to \$1,000 for a 500 gallon system.

**2. Install the cistern.** Cisterns should be installed on flat surfaces and include filters to prevent debris from entering. We recommend professional installation, which ranges from \$500 to \$1,500.

# What does NatureScape do?

**1. Design.** Our designer will measure your roof area and the volume of rainwater it produces to determine your rebate amount and let you know how big your cistern should be.

**2. Resources** We'll provide a Materials and Installation Guide and a Maintenance Plan to support installation and long-term care for your cistern.

