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## RAINWATER TANKS

### Information for Installers

This Fact Sheet applies to rainwater tanks that collect **roof water only**. Installation work for tanks includes siting and installing the tank itself not including plumbing and drainage work. Council's Fact Sheet, 'Information for Plumbers' covers specific plumbing requirements for the installation of rainwater tanks.

Installers should complete all work in accordance with the tank manufacturers instructions, Council's Quality Housing DCP 100 and the Planning NSW SEPP4 amendment, November 2002. The information below provides a brief outline of the key requirements:-

- 1 No formal application to proceed with the installation of a rainwater tank is required provided that the tank does not exceed 10,000 litres in capacity, is not buried in the ground and is installed as a retrofit installation to an existing dwelling connected to Council's town water supply, and
- 2 Is designed to collect roof water only, but can be topped up from a water supply service pipe.
- 3 Is fitted with a first-flush device.
- 4 Is prefabricated, enclosed and has any inlet screened, is structurally sound and is installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- 5 Does not require excavation or filling of more than 1 metre from natural ground level in order for it to be installed.
- 6 Is not installed over or immediately adjacent to a water or sewer main unless the requirements of Council have been met, or over any structure or fittings used by Council to maintain a water or sewer main. Advice regarding the location of Council's mains may be obtained by contacting Council's Customer Service Officers on 4350 5555.
- 7 Does not exceed a height of 2.4m from ground level (including any stand for the tank).
- 8 Is located behind the front building alignment (and also the side alignment for corner blocks).
- 9 Is located at least 450mm from any property boundary.
- 10 Does not rest (in full or in part) on the footing of any building or structure or on a retaining wall.
- 11 Has a sign affixed stating 'rainwater'.
- 12 Has overflow directed into an existing stormwater system to Council requirements.
- 13 Is able to be maintained to prevent mosquito breeding and overflow.

In addition:

- If plumbing work is required to connect the tank to a water supply service pipe or water main, it must be carried out by a licensed plumber, in accordance with the New South Wales Code of Practice, AS 3500 – National Plumbing and Drainage Code and Council's Guidelines for the Installation of Rainwater Tanks on Residential Properties Plumbing Requirements.
- Motorised or electric pumps must not create an offensive noise, and if permanent, electric pumps must be installed by a licensed electrician.