REBATES FOR RAIN BARRELS

*Up to $200 for purchasing and installing barrels to conserve drinking water*

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – The City of Sunnyvale is now offering up to $200 in rebates for rain barrels as another strategy to address the ongoing drought. The City has set aside $15,000 for this pilot program to encourage conserving drinking water and using other water sources for landscaping. Using rain barrels has the additional benefit of reducing the amount of runoff that enters storm drains from gutters and downspouts and flows untreated into our creeks and South San Francisco Bay.

Owners of residential and commercial properties are eligible for the rebates and will be responsible for installing the barrels according to guidelines that are part of the rebate application package. Sunnyvale will offer a $50 rebate per barrel, up to two barrels per residential household and four for commercial properties. The City will be ensuring the barrels have screening to prevent mosquito breeding in the standing water. Barrels must be purchased between now and June 30, 2015, and maintained for at least three years after receipt of the rebate. Rebate applicants must provide receipts for the purchased barrels and photos of the installation. At the end of the pilot, the City will decide whether to extend it.

The program is being offered in partnership with the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) and rebate applications can be downloaded from [www.bawsca.org](http://www.bawsca.org) or [WaterConservation.inSunnyvale.com](http://WaterConservation.inSunnyvale.com).

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