

RESIDENTIAL REBATE FOR WATER SAVING PRODUCTS PROCEDURE

1. Scope

The Residential Rebate for Water Saving Products Procedure (this 'Procedure') applies to owners and occupiers who have purchased and installed eligible water saving products in residential premises located in Council's declared water service area.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Procedure is to reduce water consumption by encouraging the use of eligible water saving products and to provide clear guidelines for the administration and payment of a rebate.

3. Related Documents

Primary

Retail Water and Sewerage Service Provider - Management and Functions Policy

Legislative reference

Public Health Regulation 2018 pt 2 div 2

Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008 ss 161, 676

Related documents

Application for Residential Rebate for Water Saving Products

Livingstone Shire Council Corporate Plan (Natural Livingstone)

4. Definitions

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions shall apply:

Council	Livingstone Shire Council.
Declared Water Service Area	The area declared by Council at its 9 September 2014 Meeting and taken to be declared as a retail water service area pursuant to s 676(2) of the <i>Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008</i> and any subsequent amendments pursuant to s 161(6).
Eligible Water Saving Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dishwasher; • Showerheads; • Rainwater Tanks; • Washing Machines; and • Toilets.
Licensed Plumbing and Drainage	A person who holds a Queensland Building and Construction Commission Contractor Licence for the licence class Plumbing

Contractor	and Drainage.
Occupier	As defined in the <i>Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008</i>
Owner	As defined in the <i>Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008</i>
QBCC	Queensland Building and Construction Commission
Rebate	Reimbursement for a portion of the money outlaid for eligible water saving products.
Residential Premises	As defined in the <i>Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008</i>
WELS Scheme	The Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Scheme is an Australian Government initiative in partnership with state and territory governments.

5. Procedure

5.1 Application

- 1) A claim for rebate must be submitted:
 - a) within three months of the product purchase receipt date;
 - b) using the Application for Residential Rebate for Water Saving Products form and be accompanied by:
 - i) product specifications;
 - ii) evidence demonstrating that the eligible water saving product was installed at a residential premises in the declared water service area;
 - iii) a copy of the product receipt with the applicant identified as the purchaser;
 - iv) a copy of the completed QBCC Notifiable Work - Form 4 (integrated rainwater tank only); and
 - v) where applicable, evidence of installation by a licenced plumbing and drainage contractor.
- 2) Delivery and installation charges can be included as part of the total purchase price.

5.2 Assessment

To be considered for a rebate the applicant must:

- 1) be an owner or occupier who has purchased and installed an eligible water saving product at a residential premises located in the declared water service area;
- 2) have not received a Council rebate for the same type of product within the previous five year period;
- 3) agree that as far as the law permits, Council has no liability in respect of any claim, cause of action or loss or damage arising out of or in relation to, any rainwater tank system, the consumption of any water from such rainwater system or other conservation products subject to a rebate under this Procedure; and
- 4) indemnify and maintain Council indemnity from any claim or liability arising out of, or in relation to, any rainwater tank system; and the consumption of any water from such rainwater tank system or other conservation products; subject to a rebate under this Procedure, to the extent that any claim or liability is not caused by Council negligence or any other term implied by law.

5.3 Eligible Water Saving Products

5.3.1 Rainwater Tank Rebate

- 1) Installations will have two categories:
 - a) Stand-alone tank for outside use only;
 - b) Integrated systems which:
 - i) must incorporate mains supply top-up with connection to any two items.
For example:
 - toilet;
 - hot water system; or
 - washing machine.
 - ii) has mandatory garden use.
- 2) The available rebates for the two categories are:
 - a) \$250.00 for stand-alone tanks; or
 - b) \$500.00 for integrated systems.
- 3) An inspection of the installed tank may be conducted by Council prior to payment of the rebate.
- 4) The Rainwater Tank Rebate is conditional upon tanks meeting the following requirements:
 - a) Minimum tank size 5,000L;
 - b) Installation must include screening to exclude leaves, insects and other debris;
 - c) A minimum of 20 litres of the first flush of roof catchment rainwater must be diverted/discarded before entering the rainwater tank;
 - d) The provisions of this Procedure and the *Public Health Regulation 2018* must be complied with;
 - e) The installation must meet any relevant building codes or plumbing and drainage code requirements and have the necessary Council permit where required;
 - f) The tank must be used for the collection and storage of rainwater; and
 - g) The tank must be of a colour, shape, size and position that is congruous with the neighbourhood amenity.

5.3.2 Showerhead Rebate

To receive the \$25 rebate for a showerhead, the product must be a retrofit of a non-water-efficient showerhead. It must be rated 3 Stars or higher under the WELS Scheme.

5.3.3 Washing Machine Rebate

To receive the \$100 rebate, the washing machine must have a WELS Scheme rating of at least 5 Stars.

5.3.4 Toilet Rebate

To receive the \$50 rebate on a dual-flush toilet (cistern and pan) the new toilet must be a 6/3 litre or 4.5/3 litre system and replace an existing single flush toilet system.

The replacement toilet must be installed by a licenced plumbing and drainage contractor, meet any relevant plumbing and drainage codes and have the necessary Council permit where required.

5.3.5 Dishwasher

To be eligible for the \$100 rebate, the dishwasher must have a WELS Scheme rating of 5 stars or higher.

6. Changes to this Procedure

This Procedure is to remain in force until otherwise amended/replaced by the General Manager Infrastructure.

7. Repeals/Amendments

This Procedure repeals Livingstone Shire Council Procedure titled 'Residential Rebate for Water Saving Products Procedure (v1.0)'.

Version	Date	Action
1.0	15/03/2022	New Procedure – Approved
2.0	24/06/2024	Amended Procedure Approved – 5.1.1 and 5.2 updated, 5.3.4 inserted
2.1	30/09/2024	Administrative amendments made – 5.3.5 updated

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