

Rainwater Tanks

Do I need approval before installing my rainwater tanks?

Most residential rainwater tank installations do not require approval. However, some may require planning, building or plumbing approval.

Plumbing approval may be needed if the rainwater tank is connected to an internal fixture, e.g. laundry tub, toilet, and/or if the water is intended for human use, i.e. drinking water.

Plumbing approval is not required if the rainwater tank is not connected to an internal fixture, and/or if the water is not for human use, e.g. used for watering gardens, agricultural use, etc.

Building approval is not required if the rainwater tank complies with the Queensland Development Code (QDC) MP1.2 for siting, size and height. As a general rule, if a rainwater tank (including any associated tank stand) is less than 2.4m in height above natural ground level, it can be sited anywhere on the property and no building application is required. Please contact council if your proposed tank differs to this.



I am on town water and would like my rainwater tank connected – can I do this?

Contact council to discuss, as a plumbing application may be required.

How do I get approval?

Contact council to discuss with the building or plumbing team by phoning 1300 307 800.