

City of Urbandale

Rain Barrel Reimbursement 2026



Stormwater in Urbandale and Intent of the Grant Program

Stormwater runoff is the portion of rainfall or snowmelt that does not soak into the soil or evaporate into the air but flows from surfaces into nearby streams and storm sewer systems.

Federal laws regulating stormwater runoff require the City of Urbandale to maintain a comprehensive stormwater quality management program to protect and improve water quality. To enable the City to manage stormwater, each customer of the Urbandale Water Utility contributes a Stormwater Utility Fee. This Utility Fee pays for a portion of operations and maintenance costs of the stormwater management programs and facilities.

The Stormwater Grant Program uses a portion of the Stormwater Utility Fees to assist with stormwater management on private property. The Grant Program receives \$100,000 in funding each year, pending approval by the City Council. As an extension of the Grant Program, the City of Urbandale is offering a 50% reimbursement for the purchase cost of rain barrels.

Reimbursement Funding Limits

The Rain Barrel program will pay 50% of the rain barrel cost, up to \$150 per property per year. This reimbursement is separate from the Stormwater Grant Program reimbursement limits and does not count against the per property grant limits in that program. Property owners may apply in multiple years for additional rain barrel purchases. Rain barrels must include an inlet, an outlet or spigot, overflow and be a minimum of 40 gallons. See raincampaign.org for directions on how to build your own rain barrel

Qualifications for Reimbursement

All property owners located within the corporate limits of the City of Urbandale that pay the Stormwater Utility Fee and have had a full certificate of occupancy for at least one year are eligible to apply for funding. To receive reimbursement, submit the attached form, copy of the purchase receipt with the rain barrel circled, and a photo of the installed rain barrel. The reimbursement request may be submitted via email (preferred) to stormwater@urbandale.org, or submitted to the Engineering Office at City Hall, 3600 86th Street.

Contact Information

The Stormwater Grant and Rain Barrel Reimbursement Program is administered by the City of Urbandale Department of Engineering and Public Works. For additional information, please contact us at:

Department of Engineering and Public Works
Stormwater Grant Program Administrator
Ben Antons, P.E.
515-278-3950
stormwater@urbandale.org

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Please Type or Print. Attach additional pages if necessary.

PROPERTY WHERE RAIN BARREL IS INSTALLED		
Street address:	Urbandale, IA	ZIP:
PRIMARY APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Name:	E-mail:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if same address as above.	Street address:	
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Home phone no.: ()	Cell phone no.: ()	
RAIN BARREL DETAILS		
<i>Please attach a copy of the receipt with the rain barrel item circled, and a photo of the installed rain barrel.</i>	Total Cost of Rain Barrel Only: \$	
SIGNATURE		
Applicant's Signature:	Date:	