

Rainwater Tanks

Do I need approval?

Most residential rainwater tank installations do not require approval.

However, it's always best to check as some types of tanks do require planning, building or even plumbing approval.

When should I seek 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. Please contact council if your proposed tank differs to this.

As a general guide, no building application is required if a rainwater tank (including any associated tank stand) is less than 2.4m in height above natural ground level.

To clarify, please contact a Private Building Certifier directly.



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

Depending on the circumstances it is possible but you will need to contact a licenced Plumber in your local area for advice.

Need more info?

Contact the Development Services team.

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