

Rainwater Tank Compliance Checklist

APPLICANT DETAILS:

Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Forward completed checklist to: **Assets Manager**
 Lithgow City Council
 PO Box 19
 LITHGOW NSW 2790

This compliance checklist has been developed to aid with tank installation and insure the rainwater tank installation, location and plumbing will comply with Council requirements. **Your water meter may need to be replaced by Lithgow Council** to ensure backflow prevention, if it is a standard size this is free of charge (Plumbing Code requirement).

- | | YES | NO |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The capacity of the tank, or the combined capacity of tanks, on a property is less than 10,000 litres (if larger, a Development Application may be required). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Total capacity = _____ Litres | | |
| 2. The tank is designed to capture and store roof water , and collect from gutters or downpipes on a building or water service pipe. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. The tank is located behind the front alignment of the building to the street to which the tank is connected (or, in the case of a building on a corner block, the tank is be located behind both the street front and street side alignments of the buildings). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. The tank will be fitted with a first-flush device , being a device that causes the initial run off of any rain to bypass the tank to reduce pollutants entering the tank (tee junction which diverts to pipe or chamber). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. The tank is prefabricated, constructed, designed and or manufactured for the purpose of rainwater tank . | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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6. The tank is to be assembled and **installed in accordance with the instructions** of the manufacturer or designer of the tank.
7. The tank is **not on a stand**, (if it is on a stand a development application and construction certificate may be required.)
8. The installation does **not involve excavating** more than one (1) metre from the existing ground level, or the filling of more than one (1) metre above ground level.
9. The tank is **not** to be installed **over or immediately adjacent to a watermain or a sewerage main**, unless installed in accordance with any requirements of Lithgow City Council.
10. The tank is **not** to be installed over **any structure or fittings** used by Lithgow City Council to maintain a watermain or sewerage main.
11. The tank is **not resting on a footing of any building or other structure**, including a retaining wall.
12. The tank is **less than 3 metres in height** above ground level, including any stand for the tank.
13. The tank is located at least **450 millimetres from any property boundary**.
14. A **sign** will be affixed to the tank stating that the water is **rainwater**. **Note:** if water in tanks is intended for human consumption, although not advised if a problem source is available, the tank should be maintained to ensure that it is fit for human consumption – see NSW Department of Health.
15. Any overflow from the tank will be **directed into an existing stormwater system**.
16. **Tank is enclosed**, and any inlet to the tank has been screened or filtered, to prevent the entry of foreign matter or insects such as mosquitos.

17. If any **plumbing work** is undertaken on or for the tank that affects a water supply service pipe or watermain it will be done:

- **With the consent** of the Authority that has responsibility for the water supply service pipe or water main, and
- In accordance with **any requirements by Council** for the plumbing work, and
- **By a licensed plumber** in accordance with the *NSW Code of Practice – Plumbing and Drainage* produced by the Committee on Uniformity of Plumbing and Drainage Regulations in New South Wales

18. **Pumps** shall be located and installed to **minimise a potential noise nuisance** to surrounding residents, and in the case of permanent electric pump, has been installed by a licensed electrician.

19. **The tank is to be installed on a firm flat and stable platform** in accordance with Manufacturers recommendations (Tanks located over fill material may be required to be placed on a concrete slab).

20. **An impervious cover will be installed** on the tank and all access points. If it is an underground tank will be properly sealed and access points protected against ingress of surface run off.

21 The **tank inlet shall be located a minimum of 500 millimetres** below the outlet of the gutter.

If any of the above are answered '**no**', you may not comply with Council requirements and **may require a Development Application** (charges apply).

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Please answer these questions below:

1. Intend to 'top up' from Lithgow's potable supply? Yes No
2. Intend to connect to toilet and or washing machine? Yes No
3. Is the tank below ground? Yes No

If either 1 or 2 are answered 'yes', approval is required under Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993 (fees apply). If 1 and 3 is answered 'yes' you will need an approved backflow device fitted by a licensed plumber.

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		Contact Details of property owner	
		Name	
		Address	
		Lot number	DP number

3.2m

1.8m

House

Shed

Sewer manhole

Rain water tank

boundary line

Charlotte St

North

0 1 2 3 4 5 10 m

Scale: 1 square = 1 metre

2000 L 4000 L 8000 L

Approximate sizes of rain water tanks

Please indicate:

- Position and size of rain water tank
- Position of house - Distance between water tank & house = 1.8 m
- Position of fence - Distance between water tank & fence = 3.2 m
- Position of all other structures in the vicinity of the water tank, including - storm water manholes, sewer manholes or septic tanks, etc.

Show location on the attached graph sheet (see above example)

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Office use

Assessment Number		
Compliance	Yes / No	Date:
DA Application required	Yes / No	Date:
Section 68 required	Yes / No	Date:
Authorisation		Date:
Testable Backflow Device	Yes / No	
Meter Size		Replace:
Meter serial no.		CAMS In:

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RAINWATER TANK REBATE APPLICATION

- I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions of the rebate program and agree that by signing this application, I accept these Terms and Conditions
- I have attached a copy of the receipt for the purchase of my rainwater tank
- I have not applied previously for a rainwater tank rebate at these premises that I am applying for now.

Signature: _____

Date: ___/ ___/ _____

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