

Catch The Rain

How to Become a White Clay Creek-wise Household

1 APPLY

There are two ways you can apply for enrollment in the White Clay Water Catch the Rain program:

1. Call 484.716.6836 or email mpc@whiteclay.org with subject line: **Catch The Rain**
2. Complete the online application at whiteclay.org/CatchTheRain

A professional will contact you to schedule a site visit at a time when you can be present; please allow up to two weeks to hear from us.

2 SET UP A SITE VISIT

A Catch the Rain approved professional will visit with you on site to determine the appropriate feature or combination of features—rain barrel, trees, rain garden, conservation planting, or impervious pavement removal and/or replacement—for your property. The Catch the Rain representative will come to your home at a set time, explain the Catch the Rain program, and tour your yard to measure, make notes, and make custom recommendations. For all infiltration features, such as rain gardens, you will need to do a simple percolation test, which you can easily accomplish with a shovel and hose (instructions will be provided at your site visit). The site visit will take about an hour and you need to be present. Two to three weeks after the site visit, you will receive general recommendations for your property. The recommendations will list which Catch the Rain feature(s) are best suited to reduce your runoff, a schedule to install the feature, and estimated price and rebate amounts available.

3 LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WANT INSTALLED

Read your custom recommendations and then contact your Catch the Rain representative to tell them the feature(s) you want on your property. In some cases, homeowner options such as the type of rain garden, paving choice, and connections of more than one feature (such as taking rain barrel overflow into a rain garden) will need to be discussed. White Clay Watershed Association (WCWA) has trusted local partners who will work directly with you to have your project(s) installed. WCWA will share your site recommendations, contact information, and project selections with the contractor who will coordinate your installation. If it is a DIY project, then you must retain and submit all your receipts when applying for a rebate.

4 SCHEDULE YOUR PROJECT INSTALLATION

The contractor will contact you to arrange your installation. You will be provided with a cost before work begins; your payment plan will be spelled out and will depend on the project chosen. For example, payment for a rain barrel is due at the time of installation, but the payment for a tree is due prior to planting. The program rebate of a known percentage of the total cost will be made after a final project inspection by a Catch the Rain representative (see below).

5 HAVE A FINAL SITE VISIT

Catch the Rain representatives will conduct final site inspections to verify and assess installation and maintenance for all Catch the Rain projects. You will be given advance notice of this inspection and can choose to be present or give permission for Catch the Rain representatives to enter your property for the inspection.

6 APPLY FOR YOUR REBATE

After the final site visit inspection, you will receive your rebate for a percentage of the cost, as detailed in the list of practices. We will continue to be available to you for technical support in this important first step in catching the rain and keeping the White Clay Creek running clean and we ask your permission to take photos and interview you about the process to improve the program.

