

## Government Rebate

The Victorian Government has increased incentives under the Water Smart Gardens and Homes Rebate Scheme.

The scheme rewards residential customers connected to a mains water supply for purchasing water-saving devices and services, thereby reducing their water consumption.

Households purchasing and installing a water tank from 1 January 2007 are now eligible for a rebate of up to \$1000.

Water tanks can save up to 40,000 litres per household per year.

The rebate is based on the size of the tank and requires the tank to be connected to toilet and/or laundry facilities as follows:

Rainwater Tanks, 2000 – 4999 litre capacity, connected to toilet and/or laundry	\$500 rebate
Rainwater Tanks, 5000+ litre capacity, connected to toilet or laundry	\$900 rebate
Rainwater Tank 5000+ litre capacity, connected to toilet and laundry	\$1000 rebate

The existing \$150 rebate for tanks 600 litres or larger not connected for indoor use will still apply.

The rebates scheme is administered by the retail water authorities on behalf of the Government, in partnership with the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

The new tank rebates will be paid via a one-off Electronic Funds Transfer and should take around 10-12 weeks to process.

All other rebates under the existing Water Smart Garden and Homes Rebate scheme will continue to be credited to your next water bill.

For more information or to download a rebate claim form visit: [www.ourwater.vic.gov.au](http://www.ourwater.vic.gov.au); phone the Call Centre on 136 186; contact your local water authority; or ask your local hardware, plumbing supplies or garden retailer.

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