

Statement of Cistern Function

In order to reduce excess stormwater flows to the combined sewer system, Lake Washington and Puget Sound, cistern systems must be designed to meet or exceed the RainWise Program's standards and constructed so they cause no harm to you or your neighbors. While our inspector is able to check for minimum standards of primary importance to the city and county (such as sizing and appropriate setbacks), only you, the homeowner, live with your new cistern every day. That puts you in the best position to evaluate whether your system is functioning as designed. Your evaluation of system function via this document ensures that our ratepayers are getting the value of the service we are funding through the RainWise rebate program, and also ensures you have a functioning system before you make your final payment to your contractor.

Please follow the instructions below, answer the question, and sign and return this document with your rebate package.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO EVALUATE AND CONFIRM TO THE RAINWISE PROGRAM THAT YOUR SYSTEM IS FUNCTIONING PROPERLY.

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Observe your cistern during and after rain events. During summer or extended dry periods, use a hose to fill your cistern up to the level of the overflow with the low flow orifice closed. Observe the overflow to ensure that water leaving the cistern discharges to the approved discharge location and not your neighbor's property or your basement.

Low flow orifice

Open the low flow orifice on your cistern when it has water in it. Water should drain through the valve and to the overflow plumbing or an approved discharge point.

Leaks

Observe your cistern and plumbing. Your cistern should not leak.

If your cistern does not function properly, notify both your contractor and the RainWise Program.

You may call 206-684-0100 or email inspectionrequest@seattle.gov

Your contractor will work with you according to the terms of the RainWise warranty agreement to make sure your cistern functions correctly. Seattle Public Utilities and King County Wastewater Treatment Division not responsible for construction practices undertaken by the contractor that could cause the system to be nonfunctional. Examples would be failure to build an adequate foundation, faulty plumbing connections, or misjudgment of terrain or pipe grades.

Certification:

I have observed my cistern and its function, and assert that it holds water, discharges over time through a low flow orifice, and overflows to an approved discharge location.

Printed name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

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