

Rainwater Tanks

DOES THE DEVELOPMENT REQUIRE APPROVAL?

All development applications lodged with Council for new houses and relevant extensions/alterations for houses will need to include details of how they will meet the water saving requirements. If they are using rainwater tanks, this will include the size, location, area of catchment and plumbing details for the installation of the tanks.

DEVELOPMENT FORMS AND LEAFLETS

Forms and leaflets are available on Council's website:

<http://www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au>

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LODGE MENT OF A DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Lodgement for development applications can be submitted electronically via email to:

da@mountgambier.sa.gov.au

As a minimum you are required to submit the information detailed below with your application.

- ☐ **Development Application Form**
- ☐ **Certificate of Title**
Titles can be obtained from the Lands Title Office, 1800 648 176 or www.landservices.sa.gov.au. OR can be obtained by Council to be included in your lodgement fee.
- ☐ **Electricity Declaration Form**
To be completed by or on behalf of the Applicant.
- ☐ **Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) levy**
Fee required for all work over \$40,000.
Payment made direct to www.citb.org.au
A copy of receipt to be given to Council with lodgement
- ☐ **Building Indemnity Insurance Certificate**
A copy of Insurance required for all domestic work over \$12,000.
- ☐ **Payment of Fees**
Application fees will be determined at the time of lodgement.
- ☐ **Site Plan (1 Copy)**
Drawn to a common scale between 1:100 and 1:500, showing all of the following:
 - locations of the tank in relation to all other buildings and fences on the property;

- the boundaries and dimensions of the site and any relevant easements;
- details of the tank system;
- the approximate north point;
- the amount and location of the private open space to remain on the site;

☐ **Plumbed Rainwater Tanks**

If rainwater tanks are to be used to provide the additional water supply, new homes will need to be designed to ensure that rainwater from not less than 50m² of the roof is:

- Collected by gutters and downpipes;
- Stored in a rainwater tank; and
- Plumbed to a toilet or a water heater or all laundry cold water outlets.

If the roof catchment area of the building is less than 50m² all the water run-off from the roof must be collected, stored and plumbed.

☐ **What size Rainwater Tank should be Installed**

The rainwater tank must have a storage capacity not less than 1 kilolitre (1000 litres). The requirement for a minimum one kilolitre plumbed rainwater tank is additional to any other water storage tank requirements that might be required (e.g. other tanks are required in some areas for bushfire fighting purposes).

Where a number of dwellings contribute to a communal rainwater storage tank, each dwelling must contribute rainwater from 50m² of its roof catchment area to the rainwater tank and water from the tank must be plumbed back to each individual dwelling. In these situations, the minimum rainwater tank size required is determined by multiplying the number of dwellings that contribute to the rainwater tank by one kilolitre for each dwelling

☐ **Other Requirements**

- an overflow device must be fitted;
- a mosquito proof, non-degradable screen must be attached to protect the water quality

☐ **Plumbing Requirements**

The plumbing aspects of the policy are regulated by the Office of the Technical Regulator (OTR) in accordance with the Water Industry Act 2012 and Regulations. OTR requires all plumbing work to comply with AS/NZS 3500:2003, the National Plumbing and Drainage Code and any SA Variations published by OTR. The technical requirements for rainwater tanks

are contained in Section 14 of AS/NZS 3500:2003 Part 1 and the OTR Water Variations.

A licensed plumber must:

- install the piping system delivering the rainwater to the water closet, water heater or cold water laundry outlets; and
- complete a Certificate of Compliance certifying that the installation has been installed in accordance with AS/NZS 3500 and the SA Variations. The Certificate of Compliance must be provided to SA Water and the home owner within 7 days of completion of the work.

HOW LONG WILL THE DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PROCESS TAKE?

Council is legislated under the Development Act 1993, to complete its assessment of an application within a prescribed amount of time. However, application processing times will depend on the nature and complexity of the development application.

Development application processing time can be affected by the information that you provide as part of your development application. If additional information is required in order for Council to undertake a thorough assessment of your application, Council will notify the applicant and not process the application until the requested information is received.

COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

Please contact the Operational Services with any other queries (08) 8721 2555 (Option 2) or email city@mountgambier.sa.gov.au.

The information contained here is a guide only. It is recommended that the advice and assistance of the Development Services Division be sought before undertaking any development.

