Rainwater Harvesting Best Practices

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The case for Rainwater Harvesting – 2 premises Premise 1: "RAINWATER HARVESTING IS GOOD"

Premise 2: "RAINWATER HARVESTING IS A SPECIFIC AREA OF EXPERTISE"

Best practices in Rainwater Harvesting Systems







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Watershed stewardship organizations **Community interest groups Educators Provincial committees and departments Manufacturers Federal ministries Residents/Tenants First Nations Commercial enterprises Building codes Government buildings and properties Regulations Roads and parking Guidelines** Habitat: air, land and water Standards **Retailers Environment Contractors Developers Researchers** Gardeners **Trade organizations** Landscape industry **Climate change Design professions Decision-makers Property owners/managers**

















Premise 1:

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Premise 2:

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"RAINWATER HARVESTING IS A SPECIFIC AREA OF EXPERTISE"

As old as human habitation, harvesting rainfall has been pushed aside in favour of centralized and controlled procurement and distribution systems: - Standards, regulations, and codes do not always recognize rainwater

- Crosses over multiple trades and professions: construction, landscape, plumbing,
- roofing, engineering, architecture, landscape architecture, stormwater management, planning, waste water, municipal...
 - 'Best Practices' need to be applied





Purpose, and General C	opportunities and Constraints	
System Overview:	aspects of the RHS to be considered feasibility / initial calculations	WHY?
Site Analysis:	natural and man-made structures climate, soils, slopes neighbouring sites	WHAT
Design Principles:	what will work, what will not types of systems	
Design Approach:	system components	E The
	detailed calculations	HOW?
Plans, Specifications, O	wner's Manual	84. M









CATCHMENT AREA 'D' (Downspout + Hose)

- upper level roof areas
 (916 Arm St)
 small garden area served
 not suitable for cistem
 connection without changes
 to the gutter system

CATCHMENT AREA 'E' (Downspout + Cistern)

- upper level roof (916 Arm St) upper level roof (915 Arm St) emailset cathinment areas
 connected to "multiple barrel citatra arangement, could be expanded for more storage requires overfalls o connection to storage volume increase could accommodate cathinent from TP feeding sub-surface or surface partial overfall wo could be directed to infiltration

CATCHMENT AREA 'G' (Downspout + Cistern)

- Learninguous T CBRITH) upper level roof area (916 Arm St) Largast catchinent area, one amail clatern/fank, room for more requires downpot filter drain in tor additional storage could be added likely sources for mobile pump feeding aub-surface or surface irrigation

- upper level roof area (916 Arm St, sunporch cover) not connected to storm drain or to cistom storage useful for adjacent garden areas, and could be connected to 'E' or 'G' or to infiltration or subsurface irrigation * NOTE: Existing manual diversion valve at 'E' can be eliminated with appropriate overflow connection from the cistern(s) to the storm drain at 'E'.

CATCHMENT AREA 'C' (Downspout and Hose)

D

E

F

CATCHMENT AREA 'F' (Downspout, new, no co

G

CATCHMENT AREA 'B' (Downspout + Cistern)

upper and lower roof areas (916 Arm St) connects to 300 gal cistem filter/screen in downspout and on cistem overflow soundersized and not directed overflow should be connected back into the storm drain

storm drain storage size can be increased to provide irrigation for garden areas to the front likely source for mobile pump feeding sub-surface or surface irrigation

CATCHMENT AREA 'A' (Downspout + Hose Connection)

- lower roof areas (914 Arm St)
 can be connected to cistern at '8' with eavestrough or PVC piping use hose connection bypass during off-season, or disconnect hose

CATCHMENT AREA 'H' (Downspout + Cistern)

- lower level roof area (914 Arm St) requires downspout filter - overflow to be connected to storm drain at 'H' ebrage can be expanded to serve likely area of in-ground gardens and container plantings - connection for mobile pump is recommended



RAINWATER HARVESTING SCHEMATICS

CATCHMENT AREA SPECIFICS

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Cisterns not shown to scale

Analysis and direction is not warranted or guaranteed for accuracy or completeness. Interpretation of the information for specific application to each catchment area will be required.

Changes to gutter systems and downspout configurations have not been made, any adjustment to physical aspects of the property are at the discretion of the owner.

Each catchment area consists of specific roof sections, and is related to a downspout

Downspouts are connected to the storm drain system, or interrupted for the diversion of rainwater into a hose or to a cistern. (except catchment Area 'F').

Descriptions outline best practices for each catchment area.



lower level roof areas (914 Arm St) requires downspout filter owerflow to be connected to the storm drain at 'I' otorage can be slightly expanded to serve likely area of in-ground gardens outside the fence, and also container gardens

upper level roof areas (916 Arm St) hose 'bleeds' onto concrete walkwary, gravity flow to bed along fenceline could be directed to expanded cistem storage at 'B', additional overflow — from 'B' to be directed back into 'C use hose connection bypass during the off-season, or disconnect hose C B

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HOW

IRRIGATION



POTENTIAL ANNUAL CATCHMENT VOLUME 80,500 litres (85% efficiency factor)

ANNUAL DEMAND VOLUME 19,500 litres (drip irrigation, 70 sq m, 19 weeks)

OPTIMUM CISTERN SIZE

5,000 litres (1,300 US gal) (2nd cistern for future expansion)

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WEATHER vs CLIMATE Infrastructure Policy/Standards

Be 'WE', it's more than just 'l'

Awareness, Education, Training, Certification <u>BEST PRACTICES</u>

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ARCSA MAINING	TROUNANIS		
ACCREDITED PRC	FESSIONAL (AP)* for accreditation:	- 2 day workshop (open to anyone) + membership + written exam	
DESIGN and CONSTRUCTION (DC)		- 2 or 3 day workshop (open to anyone)	
INSPECTOR SPECIALIST (IS)		- 1 day workshop + exam	
RAINWATER HARVESTING MASTER (RWHM)		- AP + DC + take-home problem + RWHM exam	
CERTIFICATIONS (coming in 2017)		 Design, Installation, Inspection 3rd party, ASSE International 	



Best Practices

ARCSA Accredited Professional Training Manual

AP Workshop Course of Study

Integrated RHS Design Passive and Active RHS Hydraulic Calculations Supply and Demand Components and Water Quality Issues Pipe and Fittings Rooftop Catchment and Conveyance Debris Filtering and Removal Above- and Under-ground, Large, and Small Tanks Pumps and Controls Treatment and Sanitation Irrigating with Rainwater Extreme Conditions Safety and Quality Control Stormwater Capture/Beneficial Use

Climate Change

Regulations, Codes, Standards, Guidelines

Best Practices

Data Sources

Networking

Accreditation and Certification



















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BURIED CISTERN STORAGE

WM + TRRIG

- Smaller size than overflow (restrictive, controlled)
- Controls normal level of tank, reserve left in tank for other uses









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