

Government of South Australia

South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board

RAINWATER TANK SIZE SELECTION TABLE

Percentage of time rainwater tank will meet full domestic daily demand at CLAYTON

(Average Annual Rainfall – 443 mm)

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HOW TO USE THIS TABLE

- **STEP 1** Identify proposed **roof area**.
- STEP 2 Identify Rainwater Use Option.
- STEP 3 Identify tank capacity.
- STEP 4 Identify the category (colour code) the roof area, rainwater use option and tank capacity combination fall within.
- STEP 5 Refer to Legend.
- STEP 6 Select larger roof area (if (if required) possible), alternative rainwater use option and/or larger tank capacity and repeat STEPS 1 to 5.

NOTES

- 1 For all options within the orange (16 50%) and yellow (51 75%) range, it is recommended that the following variations to your proposal be considered to maximise the value of your rainwater tank selection:-
 - increase the roof area to be connected to the rainwater tank, if possible;
 - select a larger tank; and/or
 - change to water use efficient devices within the home, eg front loading washing machine (can save up to 20% of average daily water demand per household).
- 2 This "Rainwater Tank Size Selection Table" should be read in conjunction with the Board's "Rainwater Tank Use Information Sheet".
- **3** This "Rainwater Tank Size Selection Table" DOES NOT ALLOW FOR WATER STORAGE FOR FIRE FIGHTING REQUIREMENTS.
- 4 The internal water use estimates are based upon a 3 person household.
- 5 For advice beyond the scope of this table (eg tanks smaller than 13,500L or larger than 50,000L) please contact the SA Murray-Darling Basin NRM Board on Ph: 8532 1432.

| Rainwater Use Option | | High internal use | | | Medium internal use 1 | | | Medium internal use 2 | | | Low grade uses | | | |
|--|-----|--|--------|--------|---|--------|--------|---|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|--------|
| Description | | 11L single flush toilet, 100% laundry (front load WM) & HWS | | | (6/3L) Dual flush toilet, AAA- rated shower head, 100% laundry (top load WM) & HWS | | | (6/3L) Dual flush toilet, AAA- rated shower head, 100% laundry (front load WM) & HWS | | | (6/3L) Dual flush toilet and 100% laundry (front load WM) <u>only</u> | | | |
| Tank capacity (L) | | 13,500 | 22,000 | 50,000 | 13,500 | 22,000 | 50,000 | 13,500 | 22,000 | 50,000 | 1,000 | 13,500 | 22,000 | 50,000 |
| Roof area to be connected to rainwater tank (m ²) | 50 | 5% | 5% | 5% | 11% | 11% | 11% | 17% | 17% | 17% | 42% | 48% | 48% | 48% |
| | 100 | 19% | 19% | 19% | 34% | 34% | 34% | 46% | 46% | 46% | 66% | 96% | 96% | 96% |
| | 150 | 35% | 35% | 35% | 57% | 57% | 57% | 73% | 75% | 75% | 75% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| | 200 | 50% | 51% | 51% | 73% | 78% | 78% | 87% | 92% | 95% | 78% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

LEGEND

| Category | Effectiveness of chosen roof area and tank capacity to meet full domestic daily demand | Recommendation | | | | | | |
|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Rainwater tank will meet full daily demand 0 – 15 % of the time. | Not recommended | | | | | | |
| | Rainwater tank will meet full daily demand 16 – 50% of the time. | Satisfactory, but alternative recommended for the intended use (refer to Note 1). | | | | | | |
| | Rainwater tank will meet full daily demand 51 – 75% of the time. | Satisfactory, but alternative recommended for the intended use (refer to Note 1). | | | | | | |
| | Rainwater tank will meet full daily demand 76 – 90% of the time. | Recommended – Roof area and tank capacity selected are suitable for the intended use. | | | | | | |
| | Rainwater tank will meet full daily demand 91 - 100% of the time. | Highly recommended – Roof area and tank capacity selected are suitable for the intended use. | | | | | | |

Acronyms HWS Hot water service WM Washing machine WC Toilet