



### Components of a Rainwater Harvesting System

<p><b>Pre-Storage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roof – preferably metal. Should be cleaned regularly (once per year is normal)</li> <li>Gutter covers</li> <li>Gutters</li> <li>Rain Leaders</li> <li>Debris Trap (clean several times per year)</li> <li>First Flush Diverter (pipe sized to reject 1<sup>st</sup> 0.5 mm rain; Use for bypass during pollen season)</li> <li>Banjo Filters (metal screens after FFD)</li> <li>Basket filters (if gravity fill)</li> <li>Transfer Tank (40 gal or so) with small transfer pump controlled by level switches)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Storage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cistern (plastic or concrete)</li> <li>Air bubbler (optional)</li> <li>Intake valve (floating is preferred, or intake mounted a few inches above cistern bottom)</li> <li>Overflow (should be same diameter as input line)</li> </ul> <p><b>Post Storage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pump and pressure tank</li> <li>Tall filters with replaceable media – 20 and 5 microns (change media every 6 months or so)</li> <li>Ultra-Violet disinfection (standard)</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> disinfection if required (chlorination ??)</li> </ul>
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Location: Gabriola Island Weather Station (1981-2006 stats)  
 Property: Typical location

Collection Area #1: 1500 sq. ft.  
 Collection Area #2:  
 Collection Area #3:  
 Total 1500 sq. ft.

**Unbalanced**

**Balanced**

Max Storage Cap (gal)  3 US 3000 gal cisterns  
 Usage per day  gal (317 l per day)  
 Assumed Rainfall Level  gal (Enter 10% : 20% : 30% : 50%: Max : Avg :Min)  
 Volume Units  Choose one of gal or litre (Imp. Gal.)

Month	Indoor Useage gal/mon	Outdoor Useage gal/mon	Assumed Rainfall inches	mm	Assumed Collection Efficiency	Rainfall Collected gal/mon	Alternate Supply gal/mon	Storage Volume gal/mon
Start								0
October	2,170	0	3.4	86.1	75%	1984	0	0
November	2,100	0	6.2	156.9	85%	4096	0	1996
December	2,170	0	5.5	140.7	85%	3673	0	3499
January	2,170	0	5.8	146.8	85%	3831	0	5160
February	1,960	0	3.8	95.9	85%	2504	0	5703
March	2,170	0	3.6	92.1	85%	2403	0	5937
April	2,100	0	2.5	62.7	50%	963	0	4800
May	2,170	0	1.9	47.7	65%	953	0	3582
June	2,100	0	1.7	43.1	75%	992	0	2474
July	2,170	0	1.0	24.5	65%	489	0	793
August	2,170	0	1.0	26.6	65%	530	0	0
September	2,100	0	1.3	33.9	75%	782	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,550</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37.7</b>			<b>23,198</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-2,352</b>
<b>Demand</b>	<b>25,550</b>				<b>Supply</b>	<b>23,198</b>		Surplus Supply

Max Storage Cap (gal)  3 US 3000 gal cisterns  
 Usage per day  gal (272 l per day)  
 Assumed Rainfall Level  gal (Enter 10% : 20% : 30% : 50%: Max : Avg :Min)  
 Volume Units  Choose one of gal or litre (Imp. Gal.)

Month	Indoor Useage gal/mon	Outdoor Useage gal/mon	Assumed Rainfall inches	mm	Assumed Collection Efficiency	Rainfall Collected gal/mon	Alternate Supply gal/mon	Storage Volume gal/mon
Start								0
October	1,860	0	3.4	86.1	75%	1984	0	124
November	1,800	0	6.2	156.9	85%	4096	0	2420
December	1,860	0	5.5	140.7	85%	3673	0	4233
January	1,860	0	5.8	146.8	85%	3831	0	6204
February	1,680	0	3.8	95.9	85%	2504	0	7027
March	1,860	0	3.6	92.1	85%	2403	0	7500
April	1,800	0	2.5	62.7	50%	963	0	6663
May	1,860	0	1.9	47.7	65%	953	0	5756
June	1,800	0	1.7	43.1	75%	992	0	4947
July	1,860	0	1.0	24.5	65%	489	0	3576
August	1,860	0	1.0	26.6	65%	530	0	2246
September	1,800	0	1.3	33.9	75%	782	0	1228
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,900</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37.7</b>			<b>23,198</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,298</b>
<b>Demand</b>	<b>21,900</b>				<b>Supply</b>	<b>23,198</b>		Surplus Supply