

## Rainwater Tanks in Urban Areas – Approval Checklist

### Council requirements for installing rainwater tanks

Tank Size (Litres)	Toilet Connection	Washing Machine Connection	Town Water Connection	Tweed Shire Council Planning and Building Requirements
<10,000	No	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May not require Council approval if tank is less than 10,000 litres and installation complies with State Environment Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008.</li> <li>• SEPP conditions vary for above ground and below ground tanks and also vary depending on the zoning of the land where the tank/s is/are to be installed.</li> <li>• Check the full list of SEPP conditions.</li> </ul>
<10,000	Yes	Yes	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the tank is 10,000 litres or less, all other SEPP conditions are met but the tank is to be connected to the house plumbing, Council approval is required.</li> <li>• An <i>Application for Approval of Plumbing and Drainage Work on Private Land</i> is required and the work must be completed by a licensed plumber.</li> <li>• The plumber is required to lodge an <i>Application for Permit to do Plumbing/drainage Work</i> before proceeding with the work.</li> </ul>
>10,000	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the tank is greater than 10,000 litres (for above ground tanks) or does not meet any other SEPP conditions, a Development Application (DA) may be required.</li> <li>• If the tank is to be topped up, connected to the house plumbing or cross-connected with the town water supply, Council approval is also required.</li> <li>• Council's Building and Environmental Health Unit (02 6770 2400) should be consulted to ascertain the specific approval requirements.</li> <li>• The installation of a backflow prevention device is required to protect the mains water supply from potential contamination. Refer to Council's Policy entitled <i>Rainwater Tanks in Urban Areas</i> for details on backflow prevention.</li> </ul>

**Note:** All works connecting plumbing fixtures (e.g. connection to laundry, toilet etc.) or connection to the town water supply must be done by a NSW licensed plumber. Council's Building and Environmental Health Unit (02 6670 2400) should be consulted to ascertain the SEPP conditions and approval requirements if in doubt. All installations and ongoing operation and maintenance must comply with Council's Policy entitled "Rainwater Tanks in Urban Areas".