

EDGEWOOD SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Cost Share Program Information

Program runs each fiscal year from July 1st through June 30th

- Eligible Applicants - any person addressing a natural resource problem who owns land within the Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District boundaries is eligible to apply for a cost-share conservation project. Properties within city limits are not eligible.
- **Applications are available mid-April of each year** from the District office or online at www.eswcd.org under the Cost-Share Program tab. Deadline for application submission is late May (date will be listed on the application form).
- All applicants must provide a copy of their current COUNTY TAX BILL and submit with their application.
- Applications are reviewed and ranked based on conservation merit and benefit to natural resources, and estimated project costs.

Reimbursement Payments:

1. Projects may not begin until District staff has developed a plan with the landowner and project agreements are signed.
2. Projects must be completed by last business day of June of the specific fiscal year
3. Payment will be made on **75%** of the actual cost of the project.
4. The maximum reimbursement payment for all projects is \$4500 (but subject to change yearly).
5. The Participant is responsible for the up-front project costs.
6. Only practices applied for, planned, and completed within the contract time frame (July 1 – June 30) are reimbursable.
7. All original receipts must be submitted for reimbursement.
8. Reimbursement will not be made for the purchase of tools or equipment.

Eligible Cost-Share Practices Include: Brush Management, Critical Area Planting, Cross Fencing, Diversion, Forest Stand Improvement, Irrigation Water Management, Irrigation Pipeline, Livestock Pipeline and Watering Facility, Rainwater Harvesting, Range Planting, Watering Facility, Windbreak with Drip Irrigation Systems. (Other practices may be eligible).

Rainwater Harvesting Practice



Rainwater harvesting is the capture, diversion, and storage of rainwater for a number of different purposes including landscape irrigation, drinking and domestic use, aquifer recharge, and storm water control. A rainwater harvesting system comprises of six basic components:

- 1) Catchment surface: *the collection surface from which rainfall runs off (rooftop)*
- 2) Gutters and downspouts: *channels water from the roof to the tank*
- 3) Downspout screens, first-flush diverters, and roof washers: *components which remove debris and dust from the captured rainwater before it goes into the tank*
- 4) One or more storage tanks: *also called cisterns*
- 5) Delivery system: *gravity-fed or pumped to the end use*
- 6) Treatment/purification: *for potable systems, filters and other methods to make the water safe to drink*

Cost-share projects will require a minimum amount storage based on roof size and will be determined during District on-site planning. (This is usually hundreds of gallons of storage per application).

Roofs and roofing materials are not approved for reimbursement.

RAINWATER HARVESTING PROJECTS ON NEW CONSTRUCTION OR WHERE MANDATED BY THE COUNTY WILL NOT BE APPROVED.