

The Rainwater Water Storage Tank Rebate Programme was initiated by Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (JdF) Director Al Wickheim. He believes, as does the 606 Water Group, that “Water is Life”. The rainwater storage tank rebates are funded through the CRD’s access to the provincial Local Government Climate Action Program funds, intended to prepare communities for the impacts of a changing climate.

606 Water Group (606WG) has established procedures for matching rebates of up to \$1000 toward the cost of a rainwater storage tank which meets the requirements of the programme. The funds are limited and if the programme is successful, it may be offered again in the future.

There are many eligible options open for residents to utilize rainwater storage tanks, including irrigation, outdoor domestic use, fire prevention and preparedness, or with necessary permits, indoor potable or non-potable water.

The application procedure is simple:

1. Read this information sheet.
2. Fill out the attached application form and submit it with site photos by the deadline date of August 31, 2026. Not every qualified applicant will receive the rebate. Winners are picked in a lottery.
3. All applicants will be advised of their status by letter or email.
4. A site inspection prior to final approval of winning entries is required. For consistency and fairness, 606WG will provide the site visit and report (value \$250) by our accredited rainwater specialist at no charge, to be completed as soon as possible after initial notices are released.
5. Based on the site visit and report, the tank installation being feasible, proceed to purchase a rainwater storage tank that meets the specifications of the programme for placement on a suitable pad. Do not order your tank until the site visit report is complete.
6. Submit the claim form (attached) with the required receipt and photos within 90 days of initial notification.

All applications will be reviewed and after August 31, 2026 applicants will be notified of their status in writing. Funds will be held for 90 days to allow for purchase and installation of the tank.

The rebate covers up to \$1000 matching funds to successful applicants for the purchase of rainwater storage tanks. For example, purchase of a 2000 Imp gallon (2400 US gal) or larger tank qualifies for \$1000, or two 1000 Imp gallon (1200 US gal) tanks (total 2000 Imp gal / 2400 US gal) qualifies for \$1000. Minimum tank size is 1000 Imp (1200 US gal).

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A REBATE:

You must be a residential landowner within the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (Port Renfrew, Jordan River, Shirley, Otter Point, Malahat, Willis Point, East Sooke).

Your property must not have piped community water delivered to the house already or have an existing rainwater harvesting system. The intention is to create new rainwater systems in order to alleviate water supply problems for residents who depend on wells, surface water licenses, or hauled water.

Each application is eligible for one (1) rebate in this programme. Tanks must be new and rated for potable use. The rebate is only for the tank purchase.

Systems may be for potable or non-potable (i.e. garden) use. If the installation involves the alteration of indoor plumbing or a new or altered potable water line, a CRD permit and inspection are required.

REBATE AMOUNT: 606 WG will rebate up to \$1000 for eligible water storage tanks only. Expenses not covered by the rebate may include but are not limited to: taxes on the tank purchase, consulting, transporting, constructing a proper base, piping, filtration, installation costs, permits and fees, and plumbing inspection fees.

APPROVAL AND CLAIMS: A limited number of rebates are available. Application forms must be received by August 31, 2026. 606WG reserves the right to inspect or verify properties are eligible and placement of the tank is feasible. Pre-approval of the proposed site is mandatory for the rebate.

INFORMATION TO HELP YOU:

TANK INSTALLATION CHECKLIST: Following these guidelines will help your system run efficiently.

MAKE SURE YOUR TANK:

_____ is installed according to the manufacturer's installation instructions, or if necessary, the installation is certified by a professional engineer.

_____ is installed perfectly level.

_____ is sitting on a tank pad or foundation that is capable of supporting the tank when full (water weighs 1 kg per litre, or 10 pounds per Imperial gallon). The pad should be concrete or crushed stone (not sand, soil or mulch). The top layer should be smooth, containing no sharp objects that could puncture the tank. Engineering approval may be required for tank pads located on steep or unstable sites, or for underground tanks.

_____ if above-ground, is opaque, painted, or located within a building or under a cover to limit the exposure to sunlight.

_____ has adequate access to the inspection hatch for servicing and cleaning the tank, filter and related components.

_____ is installed in compliance with the B.C. Building Code, and with the administrative policies of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area.

Some installations may require certification from a professional engineer.

The following is beyond the scope of this rebate programme, however to complete a whole system, it may require:

- _____ an overflow pipe located near the top of the tank that is of equal or greater capacity than the intake pipe. The overflow outlet must be directed away from the base of the tank and away from building foundations to an appropriate drainage area that is protected from erosion.
- _____ protection from excessive debris accumulation by the presence of a debris trap and/or filter to clean the rainwater before it enters the tank.
- _____ ventilation to accommodate pressure changes as water enters or exits the tank.
- _____ properly screened openings, inlets and outlets to prevent mosquitoes, rodents, groundwater, and other sources of contamination from entering the tank.
- _____ not to be installed in the path of surface water runoff.
- _____ not to be installed in a concave area where water could collect around the base and compromise its foundation stability.
- _____ protection from damage by wind and seismic action.
- _____ freeze-protection at exit fittings and water entries.

Some installations may require certification from a professional engineer.

TANK SAFETY NOTES: Like swimming pools, water tanks can be dangerous for children and animals in your neighbourhood. A tank also qualifies as a confined space, and the air inside may not contain sufficient oxygen to allow a human to maintain consciousness. Several guidelines and precautions apply.

A WATER STORAGE TANK SHOULD:

- clearly display “DANGER – CONFINED SPACE”. NEVER enter a tank. There are specific guidelines for entering a confined space, and only those with specific qualifications, training, and equipment should do so.
- be fitted with safety devices or locked lids to prevent tampering or unintended entry, especially if it is large enough for a child to fit inside and drown. As an added precaution, do not leave a ladder where it could provide easy access to the roof of the tank and inspection hatch.
- never be left open and unattended; hatches can be locked in areas of concern.
- never have contained a toxic substance
- have an interior surface that is CSA or NSF approved for potable water.
- be certified by the manufacturer for its intended application.

If you require more information about the rebate programme, email:

606watergroup@gmail.com

Application Form JdF Rainwater Storage Tank Rebate Programme 2026

The Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (JdF) is offering up to \$1000 to help residents of the JdF to purchase rainwater harvesting storage tanks for irrigation, outdoor use, fire suppression or as backup water storage for emergencies. 606 Water Group (606WG) is administering the programme for the JdF. Applications are accepted until August 31, 2026. If you qualify for the rebate, an approval letter or email will be sent to you from 606 Water Group in early September 2026. You will have 90 days after the letter or email is sent to complete the programme requirements and submit your receipts, photo(s) of the approved tank in place and your claim form to receive the rebate.

Property Owner(s): _____

Civic Address: _____

Postal code: _____

JdF Community: _____

Phone Number (main): _____ Alternate: _____

Email: _____

Mailing address (if different from above): _____

REBATE REQUEST: I am applying for a water tank rebate for a.... (Please check all that apply):

___ NEW rainwater harvesting tank for irrigation or other outdoor use.

___ NEW rainwater harvesting tank for fire suppression/emergency preparedness.

___ NEW rainwater harvesting system for _____

INSTALLATION DETAILS: Please briefly describe your current water source(s). How will a new tank benefit you?
Use additional paper if needed.

Note: IF THE INSTALLATION INVOLVE AN ALTERATION TO INDOOR PLUMBING, A PERMIT WILL BE REQUIRED. THIS REBATE PROGRAMME ONLY APPLIES TO THE COST OF THE TANK. Further work is beyond the scope of the programme.

___ I have submitted with my application, photo(s) of the location where the tank is to be installed at the above address.

___ Acknowledgment: I understand that approved applications will be acknowledged by a confirmation letter or email. I am not to buy the tank before the site visit has taken place. The project and submission of paperwork must be completed within 90 days after the initial notification letter was issued.

If for any reason you are not able to complete the requirements in the time allotted, please notify 606 Water Group so a runner up can be chosen. Dropping out will not affect your chances for a future programme.

PLEASE NOTE: A site visit and placement approval by a certified rainwater system designer of the site and placement are mandatory to qualify as a participant. 606 Water Group has chosen a designer to visit all the sites for consistent evaluations and reports to be fair to all participants. The site visit is free to chosen participants. After the report is in, a notice verifying feasibility will be sent. When feasibility is confirmed in writing, you may purchase a new rainwater storage tank. To qualify for the rebate, you must submit the receipt or invoice marked paid, the request for the rebate form and photo(s) of the tank in place within 90 days of the initial notification letter.

You may drop off completed applications at:

the Juan de Fuca Local Area Services office
#3-7450 Butler Rd. Otter Point, BC
(Mon to Fri 8:30 am - 4:30 pm)
addressed to **JdF Tank Rebate Programme 2026**

or submit by email to 606watergroup@gmail.com

By signing below, I declare that I have read and understood the requirements of the JdF 2026 Rainwater Harvesting Storage Tank Rebate as provided and I understand that the JdF EA and the 606 Water Group administering the programme are not responsible for the installation, treatment or maintenance of my rainwater storage system.

Signature of Property Owner (s)

Date Signed (dd/mm/yyyy)

JdF 606 Water Group Rainwater Storage Tank Rebate **Claim Form 2026**

Applicants who have been approved for the rainwater storage tank rebate program must have completed installation of a tank and complete and submit this form with supporting documents and photos to receive the rebate. The form and documentation must be submitted within 90 days of the first approval notification.

File reference number: _____

Property Owner(s):

Phone Number (main): _____ (alternate): _____ E-mail: _____
Civic address: _____ JdF Community: _____ Postal Code: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Installation Information: Name of individual or company that performed the installation: _____

Installer phone number: _____ Tank(s) size, Manufacturer, model: _____

Total Cost of Tank(s) before tax: _____ Purchase Date of Tank: _____

REVIEW THE CHECKLIST BELOW TO ENSURE YOU ARE SUBMITTING ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS: Electronic files can be submitted as attachments by email to 606watergroup@gmail.com

Physical copies can be mailed or delivered to Juan de Fuca Local Area Services #3 – 7450 Butler Road, Otter Point, B.C. V9Z 1N1

___ I have included with my completed Claim Form, the receipt(s) and/or invoice(s) marked PAID, including DATE and ITEMIZED purchase details.

___ I have included photo(s) of the water tank installed at the address indicated.

___ I have completed all applicable sections of the Claim Form.

By signing below, I declare that I have read the requirements of the JdF 606 Water Group Rainwater Water Storage Tank Rebate Programme and I understand that the Capital Region District and the 606 Water Group are not responsible for the installation, treatment, operation, performance or maintenance of any changes or alterations related to this rebate programme.

Signature of Property Owner(s)

Date Signed (dd/mm/yyyy)