



Rain Check Seeking Rain Barrel and Downspout Planter Installers

Philadelphia Water, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, and the Sustainable Business Network are seeking landscape or home repair contractors to install rain barrels and downspout planters through [PWD's Rain Check](#) program.

Program Description:

Rain Check is a Philadelphia Water program that helps residents manage stormwater at their homes. Participants can get a free rain barrel and/or get funds towards a downspout planter, rain garden, or permeable pavers installation through Rain Check's cost-share structure. Rain Check supports Philadelphia's [Green City, Clean Waters](#) program which is working in neighborhoods across the City, adding green features to keep excess stormwater out of sewers.

The program is funded by Philadelphia Water and managed by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) in partnership with the Sustainable Business Network (SBN).

Project Details:

Installation contractors may include landscapers, hardscapers, and general contractors who have previous work experience with small, residential projects. Rain Check seeks 3 contractors to install rain barrels and downspout planters through the contract.

Rain Barrel Installations

[Rain barrel](#) installations are clustered by date and location to minimize travel time for contractors. Experienced contractors can install 6-8 barrels per work day. Demand is seasonal. Contractors can expect 4-5 full work days spring-fall, and 0-1 full work day in the winter.

All scheduling for rain barrel installations is performed by PHS. Rain Check rain barrel contractors are provided with schedules by PHS in advance of pre-determined installation dates. PHS provides contractors with all rain barrels and installation kits. Rain barrel installers are not required to purchase any additional materials in order to complete installations.

Downspout Planter Installations

Contractors are responsible for scheduling, planning, and executing the installation of [downspout planters](#) for program participants. For each installation, PHS provides contractors with the pre-fabricated downspout planter, drainage stone, pre-mixed soil, and plant specimens. Contractors are responsible for maintaining a handful of downspout and plumbing parts required to complete the installation. Downspout planter installations usually require 2-3 hours to complete.

Contractors are also required to perform consultations for downspout planters ahead of the installation. Contractors are compensated for these visits. They are required to meet with the homeowner, analyze the site, take photos, complete the consultation form (provided by PHS) and (if the site meets Rain Check requirements) plan the installation.



Requirements:

- Relevant residential-scale experience in landscaping, construction, plumbing, roofing, or other related fields is required.
- Experience specific to installing rain barrels or similar tools is preferred.
- Rain Check contractors must attend Rain Check training sessions. Training sessions are scheduled on an as-needed basis and cover installation requirements for each of the stormwater tools offered through Rain Check as well as administrative guidelines for the contract.
- Three references who can speak to your relevant experience
- Ability to travel to all parts of Philadelphia
- Ownership of a reliable truck or van as well as other tools and equipment necessary to perform work.
- Proof of insurance, including:
 - o Commercial General Liability Insurance
 - o Automobile Insurance
 - o Workers' Compensation & Employers Liability Insurance
- Commercial Activities License

Budget:

The amount of work provided through the Rain Check contract varies considerably by season.

Contractors are paid \$75 per rain barrel installation (and can install 6-8 barrels per standard working day). Working days will vary from 0-6 working days per month, reflecting seasonal participant demand.

Contractors are paid \$150 for downspout planter consultations and \$525 for downspout planter installations. Active contractors can expect to receive 10-25 downspout planter project assignments per year.

Depending on participant demand and contractor availability, active contractors can expect to receive \$10,000-\$25,000 in revenue per year.

To Apply:

Please contact Chris Hershberger-Esh at chris@sbnphiladelphia.org or 215.922.7400 ext. 103. To apply, please send an e-mail stating your interest in the program and describing your relevant experience.

Info Session: All interested contractors should attend the Rain Check Subcontractor Information Session, followed by the All-Contractor Meeting.

Friday, February 12, 2016

Info session: 8:00-8:45am

Contractor meeting: 9:00-11:00 am

PHS Board Room

100 N 20th Street - 5th Floor

RSVP: <https://www.tfaforms.com/404997>