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DOMESTIC RAINWATER TANKS

INTRODUCTION

The introduction of water restrictions in the Melbourne metropolitan area has resulted in a significant interest in the use and installation of garden water tanks which allow the collection of rainwater and its reuse on the household gardens.

COUNCIL REQUIREMENTS

Water tanks are generally deemed to be un-classifiable structures pursuant to the Building Code of Australia and therefore do not require a building permit if the following items are satisfied:

- The water tank is installed on the ground, free standing and of self-supporting design which does not rely on any building or existing structure (i.e. boundary fence) for structural support.
- Council requires that all rainwater tanks have an overflow pipe fitted of the same diameter as the inlet pipe and connected to the existing stormwater drainage system. This is to ensure that when the tank is filled to capacity it overflows into the Council stormwater system rather than onto the ground or into the neighbouring property.

Locating water tanks over any easements will require permission from Council's Engineering Department and City West Water. Please confirm with the relevant authorities for further requirements.