

Stormwater Incentive Program

2025

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2024 Stormwater Incentive Program Recap



Native Plants

- 40 vouchers claimed with 20 turned back in for reimbursement
- 439 native plants purchased with an average of 21 plants per voucher
- \$2,052.09 total reimbursed

Rain Barrels

- 76 total orders placed
- 93 rain barrels sold
- Rain Barrel pick up event was held on 6/8/24 at the Street Department
- \$30 subsidy was applied to each order
- \$2,280 total subsidy

2025 Rain Barrel Incentive Program

Benefits

- Rainwater harvesting recycles water runoff to gardens that otherwise drains to our waterways
- Reduces the potable water usage
- It only takes 60 square feet of rooftop to fill a 50 gallon rain barrel during an inch of rain



Incentive

- Available to City of Brookings residents
- Any rain barrel qualifies if purchased after 4/22/25
- Brookings residents receive up to \$50.00 reimbursement toward total purchase
- Must provide proof of purchase

2025 Native Plant Incentive Program



Benefits

- Native prairie plants are adapted to our region's climate and soil, and are drought resistant
- Native plants do not require fertilizing or watering once established
- Native plants improve water quality by reducing and filtering stormwater runoff
- Native plants provide food and habitat for pollinators and birds
- Native plants add beauty and diversity to landscapes

Incentive

- Qualifying plants must be labeled as native and/or for the Brookings stormwater project
- A voucher provided by the City of Brookings must be presented at the time of purchase and returned to the Engineering Office for reimbursement
- A total of 40 vouchers will be available at the Brookings City Government building starting on April 22nd
- A minimum purchase of \$250 up to \$500 must be spent on qualifying plants to receive reimbursement (Reimbursement of \$125-\$250) 50% of total purchase

2025 Rain Garden Incentive Program (NEW)



Benefits

- Rain gardens collect rainwater runoff, allowing the water to be filtered by vegetation and percolate into the soil recharging groundwater aquifers
- Rain gardens are effective in removing up to 90% of chemicals and up to 80% of sediment from rainwater runoff
- Provide localized stormwater and flood control
- Attract beneficial birds, butterflies, and insects
- Low maintenance after established

Incentive

- Available to City of Brookings residents or businesses
- A total of 4 vouchers will be available at the Brookings City Government building starting on April 22nd
- Participating residents or businesses will receive up to \$1,000 reimbursement
- SDSU Landscape Architecture program will conduct a site survey and assist with the design
- SDSU Extension, SDSU Landscape Architecture and City of Brookings will be hosting a rain garden workshop on April 5th from 10 am to 11:30 am at McCrory Gardens