

Land Bank Community Garden Rain Cistern Application Process & Responsibilities

In partnership with the City of Columbus and Rain Brothers, Rebuilding Together Central Ohio (RTCO) is providing free rain cisterns and irrigation supplies.

Who might be eligible: Community gardens leasing City of Columbus Land Bank property

What is included:

- A 300 or 550 gallon cistern
- A solar powered pump and fittings
- Diverters and irrigation hoses
- One free water fill-up of the cistern, redeemable from Rain Brothers at any time
- Optional soil testing for lead and other heavy metal contaminants
- Nonprofit Membership for the Garden at the Tool Library

How it works: Land Bank gardens submit completed applications to RTCO. RTCO processes the application, then passes on garden contact info to Rain Brothers. Rain Brothers works directly with the garden to decide installation details and show how to use the equipment and uninstall the solar pump for winter storage. The garden utilizes the equipment until winter, when they submit the solar pump to RTCO for winter storage.

To Apply, submit two things to RTCO:

1. A copy of the garden's most recent lease with the City of Columbus
2. A completed Nonprofit Application for the garden to become a member of the Tool Library (do not need a 501c3). Gardens that are already members should resubmit a Nonprofit Application with updated contact information. (*note: the Nonprofit Application is different from the Individual Member Application*)

Submit these documents whichever way is most convenient:

- Fax: (614) 252-2593
- Email: tool.library@rtcentralohio.org
- Mail or In-person: 2771 E. 4th Ave, Columbus, OH 43219. Mon-Wed, 9am-3pm. Thurs, 12-6pm. Sat, 8:30-11:30am.

Garden Responsibilities:

- Gardens are responsible for the care of the cistern and components. They are required to report any problems they experience to RTCO immediately to avoid any penalties or fees.
- Gardens will NOT be held responsible for any vandalism, weather damage, or normal wear and tear of the cistern and components.
- Gardens WILL be held responsible for any damage caused by negligence or loss of product.
- Gardens are responsible for submitting all solar pump parts to RTCO for winter storage. Solar pumps are to be dropped off the 2nd Saturday in October and picked up the 2nd Saturday in March. Late October drop-offs will be fined overdue fees at \$5 per day.