

# Inspection Program – Rainwater Tanks

We are undertaking an inspection program for registered rainwater tanks in accordance with sections 1098 – 1101 of Local Government Act 1993 in the suburbs listed below.

**This program provides home owners/occupiers with advice on maintenance standards to ensure tanks are functional, safe and comply with the relevant regulations.**

Suggested maintenance procedures are included on this fact sheet to help you develop a suitable maintenance program for your rainwater tank, in line with Council's Land Development Guidelines Planning Scheme Policy 11. Should you have any concerns with your rainwater tank prior to Council's inspection, you should contact your tank supplier/installer to have these concerns rectified.



## Inspection schedule and locations

Program	Suburbs to be inspected	Start date	End date
<b>One</b>	Bilinga, Burleigh Heads, Burleigh Waters, Cedar Creek, Clagiraba, Clear Island Waters, Coolangatta, Currumbin, Currumbin Valley, Currumbin Waters, Elanora, Gaven, Gilston, Guanaba, Mermaid Beach, Merrimac, Miami, Reedy Creek, Tallebudgera, Tallebudgera Valley, Tugun, Worongary, Bonogin, Broadbeach, Broadbeach Waters, Carrara, Highland Park, Mudgeeraba, Nerang, Robina, Tallai, Varsity Lakes	<b>27 April 2009</b>	<b>27 July 2009</b>
<b>Two</b>	Benowa, Biggera Waters, Bundall, Coombabah, Coomera, Hollywell, Hope Island, Labrador, Maudsland, Molendinar, Mount Nathan, Pacific Pines, Paradise Point, Parkwood, Runaway Bay, Southport, Surfers Paradise, Helensvale, Jacobs Well, Kingsholme, Norwell, Ormeau, Ormeau Hills, Oxenford, Pimpama, Upper Coomera, Wongawallen	<b>28 July 2009</b>	<b>28 October 2009</b>

## Suggested maintenance procedures

Maintenance Action	Regularity
Check and clean mosquito net on tank overflow	October – March: every month April – September: every three months
<b>Three months</b>	
Check and clean first flush device	three months
Check roof and gutters for the presence of accumulated including leaf and other plant material	three months
Clear accumulated plant material	three months
Prune overhanging tree branches and foliage	three months
<b>Six months</b>	
Check water quality – must be clear with no smell	six months
Check for evidence of animal, bird or insect access including mosquito larvae; if present locate and close access points	six months
Check tank for defects and repair	six months
Check for evidence of algal growth; if present, find and close points of light entry	six months
Ensure taps have the correct signage installed	six months
<b>Yearly</b>	
Clean tank to remove accumulated sediment or sludge	two years

## Save water and money

You can reduce water usage and save money by installing a rainwater tank. A rainwater tank that is correctly installed with leaf, debris and mandatory mosquito screens on the tank inlet and outlet, and that is properly maintained will meet the needs of you and your family for years to come, and you will be helping to reduce the demand on our precious drinking water supply. This, together with other water saving initiatives, promotes more sustainable development in our city.

**Note:** If you value your water quality, a properly maintained first flush device is recommended!

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