

California Disaster Assistance Act For Drought

Household Water Tank Program

Eligibility Criteria

All Household Water Tank Program participants are required to sign a Hold Harmless Agreement along with a Right-of-Entry Agreement.

1. **Primary Residential Unit Occupied by Legal Owner**

- If a residential property is occupied by the legal owner and it is their primary residence, the property is eligible to receive a water tank, permit and installation costs, as well as water delivery services, if it has been determined the well located on the property is no longer providing water due to the drought.

2. **Primary Residential Unit Occupied by Legal Owner with Additional Residential Units**

- If a residential property is occupied by the legal owner and it is their primary residence with additional residential family unit(s) on the subject property, the property may be eligible to receive a water tank, permit and installation costs, as well as water delivery services. To be eligible, all of the unit(s) must be served by the same water tank and connection as the primary unit. If the unit(s) cannot all be served by the same water tank and connection as the primary residence, the additional unit(s) will be treated as a separate Rental Unit(s) (see Rental Matrix).
- If a residential property is occupied by the legal owner and it is their primary residence with additional rental unit(s) on the subject property, the rental unit(s) may be eligible to receive water delivery services. To be eligible, all of the rental unit(s) must be served by the same water tank and connection as the primary residence. If the additional unit(s) cannot all be served by the same water tank and connection as the primary residence, the unit(s) will be treated as a separate Rental Unit(s) (see Rental Matrix).

3. **Primary Residential Unit Occupied by Family Member of the Legal Owner**

- If a primary residential property is occupied by a family member of the legal owner of the property, the primary unit may be eligible to receive a water tank, permit and installation costs, as well as water delivery services, if the legal property owner signs an agreement with the local jurisdiction. If it is not possible for the legal owner to sign an agreement, self-certification may be acceptable.

4. **Primary Residential Unit Occupied by Family Member of the Legal Owner with Additional Residential Units**

- If a residential property is occupied by family of the legal owner and it is their primary residence with additional residential Family Unit(s) or Rental Unit(s) on the property, the

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property may be eligible to receive a water tank, permit and installation costs, as well as water delivery services. To be eligible, all of the unit(s) must be served by the same tank and connection as the primary unit; otherwise, the additional unit(s) will be treated as separate Rental Unit(s). Additionally, the legal property owner must sign an agreement with the local jurisdiction. If it is not possible for the legal owner to sign an agreement, self-certification may be acceptable.

5. Primary Residential Unit Occupied by Renter-Lessee-Tenant

- If a residential unit is occupied by a renter/tenant and the legal property owner or third party provides and maintains a water tank for the rental unit, pays the local jurisdiction permit costs, tank installation costs (installation must comply with local permit requirements), and is currently providing water delivery services, this rental will not be eligible for the Household Water Tank Program.
- If a residential unit is occupied by a renter/tenant and the legal property owner or third party provides and maintains a water tank for the rental unit, and the owner pays local jurisdiction permit costs, tank installation costs (installation must comply with local permit requirements), and the legal property owner demonstrates financial inability to assume cost of water delivery services, the current tenant is eligible for water delivery and filling services. All privately procured or third party materials must comply with the Household Water Tank Program standards.
- If a residential unit is occupied by a renter/tenant and the legal property owner demonstrates financial inability to pay the cost of the water tank, but has the ability to pay for local permitting costs and the costs to install the tank in compliance with the Household Water Tank Program, the legal property owner may be eligible under the Household Water Tank Program to receive a water tank and water delivery for the current tenant. The tank will be owned and maintained by the county. Installation of county equipment must be completed by a licensed contractor.
- If a residential unit is occupied by a renter/tenant and the legal property owner demonstrates financial inability to assume cost of the water tank, installation costs, and water delivery costs but complies with Household Water Tank Program standards; the local jurisdiction will provide a water tank, tank installation costs (installation must comply with local permit requirements), and water delivery for the current tenant. The water tank will be owned and maintained by the county. Installation of county equipment must be completed by a licensed contractor. However, the property owner is responsible to pay the permit fees.

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Glossary of Terms

- **Current Tenant:** The tenant of record at the time of water tank installation.
- **Family:** Any person(s) related to the owner, occupying a residential housing unit; and who 1) makes no rental or lease payment(s); 2) pays a portion of the mortgage; or 3) pays a portion of the property taxes on the property.
- **Family Unit:** Any residential property occupied by a family member of the owner.
- **Hold Harmless Agreement:** A contract between two parties designed to release one or both parties from legal claims.
- **Owner:** The legal owner of a residential property.
- **Renter(s), Lessee(s) or Tenant(s):** Any person(s) not related to the owner, occupying a residential housing unit, under the terms of a written or unwritten rental contract, lease, lease/rent-to-own, or other arrangement in which the occupant provides payment to the owner of the property for use of the housing unit.
- **Rental or Lease Agreement:** A contract by which one conveys real estate, equipment, or facilities for a specified term and for a specified rent.
- **Rental Unit(s):** Any residential property unit(s) occupied by a non-family member renter(s) or tenant(s).
- **Right-of-Entry Agreement:** A contract allowing the legal right to enter upon land in the possession of another for a special purpose without being guilty of a trespass.
- **Third Party:** Any organization leasing or renting water tanks. May include maintenance and filling services.