



Photo Documentation Guidance

Capturing photos of completed stormwater projects is a crucial step to the reimbursement request. The following pages provide guidance to applicants for taking photographs of each stormwater project.

Tip: When taking pictures with a smartphone, applicants should hold the device horizontally instead of vertically for a better photo.



Rain Garden

Do:

- Provide a minimum of 3 pictures.
- Capture the entire extent of the rain garden from 1-2 different angles. Try to include a reference object (sidewalk, road, house, car, etc.) in a photo to provide a better understanding of the size and location of the rain garden.
- Include a photo that highlights the inflow to the rain garden (drain inlet or gravity sheet flow) and the emergency overflow spillway.
- **Before and after photos are always encouraged.**



Don't:

- Upload photos that only show sections of the rain garden without including a photo of the full extent, and inflow and overflow mechanisms.
- Upload unclear images that do not clearly indicate the existence of a rain garden.



Rain Barrel(s)

Do:

- Provide a minimum of 1 picture per rain barrel.
- Provide a complete view of the installed rain barrel.
- Show the downspout connected to the rain barrel.
- Show the outlet of the rain barrel.
- **Before and after photos are always encouraged.**



Don't:

- Submit photos that do not show the rain barrel connected to a downspout.





Tree(s)

Do:

- Provide a minimum of 1 picture per tree.
- Capture the entire extent of the tree. Try to include a reference object (sidewalk, road, house, car, etc.) in one photo to provide a better understanding of the size and location of the tree.
- **Before and after photos are always encouraged.**



Don't:

- Submit a photo of a tree not listed on the RainSmart Rebates Eligible Tree Species List

