

	STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE BUILDING & SITE DEVELOPMENT	Number: 250.4
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Subject: Permitting requirements for water tanks		Page 1 of 2

1.0 PURPOSE:

This document clarifies permitting requirements for water tanks/rain harvesting cisterns.

2.0 REVISION HISTORY:

Revised on 8/10/10 to merge building and zoning requirements. Renumbered SOP from 640.1 on 12/30/10.

3.0 PERSONS AFFECTED:

Permitting staff and public at large.

4.0 ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY:

Permitting requirements for rainwater harvesting cistern/tanks shall be as follows:

- Water tanks supported directly on grade of up to 1000 gallons used for water storage or rain harvesting purposes are exempt from permitting requirements regardless of aspect ratio.
- Water tanks supported directly on grade between 1000 gallons and 5000 gallons are exempt from permitting requirements when ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2:1.
- Water tanks exceeding 5000 gallons shall require a building permit.
- All water cisterns/tanks exceeding four feet in height need to comply with the maximum height and setbacks limitations for accessory structures within the installed zone. If a building permit is not required per the above three bullet items, height and setbacks can either be reviewed by consulting the Zoning Code at www.pima.gov/developmentservices, or can be confirmed by applying for a voluntary building permit through Development Services and paying applicable fees.

Note that permanently installed electrical/pumping equipment incidental to tanks, regardless of size, shall require a building permit.



5.0 DEFINITIONS:

Not applicable.

6.0 RESPONSIBILITIES:

Not applicable.

7.0 PROCEDURES:

Not applicable.