



## CISTERN OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

All cisterns and associated components must be maintained in proper working order for 10 years (5 years for single-family homes). At a minimum the following operation and maintenance items must be followed:

Cistern Maintenance Activities	Frequency
Clean gutters of debris that has accumulated & check for leaks	Spring/Fall
Clean debris screen to allow unobstructed flow into cistern	Monthly
Winter-proof system	Fall
Check cistern for stability, anchor system if necessary	Spring/Fall
Check accuracy of water level indicator, if present	Annual
Check pipe and valve connection for leaks	Annual
Make sure cistern manhole is accessible, operational & secure	Annual
Fill tank ½ % full with water (if tank if less than ½ full)	Before any major wind storms (hurricanes)
Check cistern for integrity & Drain to allow for 0.5" (0.75") capture	After each rain event

Any cisterns found that are not being maintained as described above or any other issue which causes a cistern to not perform its intended function may result in the applicant having to repay a prorated amount of the cost share funds received to install the practice.

CCAP provides cost share funds and technical assistance for the design and installation of the cistern tank system only. The applicant is responsible for any indoor plumbing requirements, applicable codes, regulations and permits. The applicant has also been made aware of the potential contaminants which may be present in cistern water. Please take appropriate steps if using cistern water for edible plants or other uses that may result in direct human contact.

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Applicant Signature

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Date

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Landowner Signature

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