

## **FAQ Cisterns for Rainwater Harvesting and Hauled Water Storage Tanks:**

### **Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3701-28-12**

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#### **Question:**

- 1. Is rainwater harvesting permissible in Ohio as a private water system source?**

#### *Answer:*

*Water from a cistern (rainwater harvesting) is permitted for potable uses for private water systems in Ohio, and is regulated by local health departments and the Ohio Department of Health under Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3701-28 with cistern construction details specified in OAC 3701-28-12. Cisterns are required to be installed with continuous disinfection and cyst reduction filtration in accordance with OAC 3701-28-15.*

#### **Question:**

- 2. Do I need to get a permit form the local health department if I just want to use my cistern to flush toilets and do laundry?**

#### *Answer:*

*Yes, all water sources including cisterns or ponds plumbed into the home or building being used for domestic uses such as doing laundry and flushing toilets are regarded as private water systems and need to be permitted with the local health department prior to installation. These systems must be constructed in compliance with OAC Chapter 3701-28, including all required continuous disinfection and filtration.*