

RAINWATER HARVESTING

Thanks to the vision and efforts of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, CMWSSB started implementing the rain water harvesting programme in 2002. This made Chennai a pioneer in Rain water harvesting. The Board has taken the following steps to popularise rainwater harvesting in Chennai.

To avail new/renewal of water and sewer connections, installation of Rain Water Harvesting structures has been made mandatory for all buildings irrespective of size and area.

In Chennai city about 7,20,000 buildings exist with a total no. of 8,27,800 RWH structures. During the year 2014-15 a total number of 8,615 rainwater harvesting structures were constructed. Recharge potential from Rain Water Harvesting structures is 2.30 TMC. Awareness campaigns and special camps are conducted before monsoon every year to encourage consumers to maintain the structures properly. The Area/Depot Engineers are monitoring the installation and maintenance of Rainwater Harvesting Structures in Chennai city.