

Pima County Regional Flood District

Monthly Brown Bag Series

Promoting Health and Economic Justice in Rainwater Harvesting

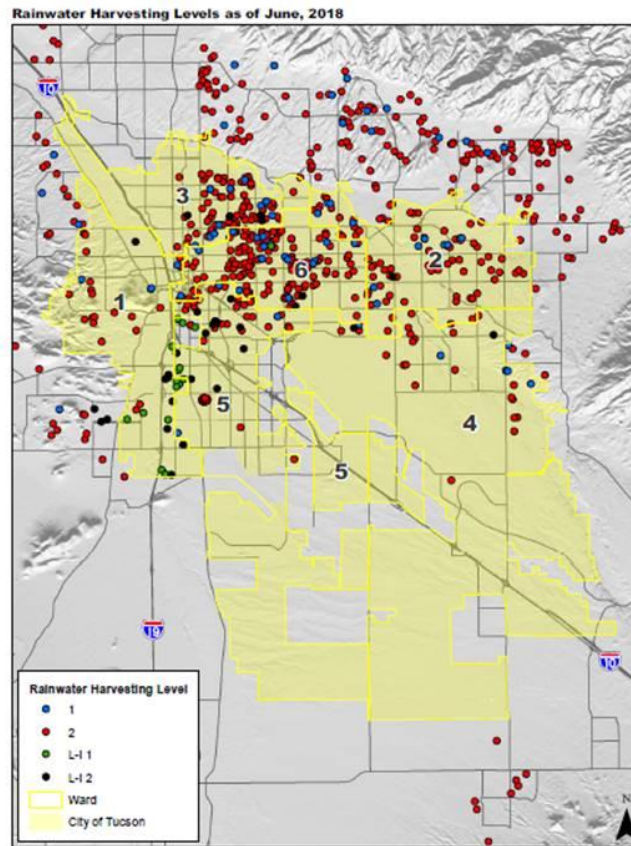
Raye Winch, Community Food Bank

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Tucson Water offers some of the best residential rainwater harvesting rebates in the country. The graphic above indicates households who have received rebates (blue for passive, red for active, green for limited-income passive, black for limited-income active). The distribution of water harvesting rebates is similar to the distribution of tree canopy, similar to a map of wealth in Tucson, similar to a map of surface temperature – higher income areas are also the areas with more tree canopy, that are cooler, and that have taken more advantage of rainwater harvesting rebates. Tucson Water recognized the disparity in this distribution of installations and are supporting two programs to help address this disparity. One is the low income grant and loan program administered through SERI, through which income qualifying households can qualify for an additional \$400 grant and an interest free loan that allows them to pay no up-front cost to have a system installed. The other is to support the Community Food Bank in business development with contractors who are committed to providing low-cost, high quality rainwater harvesting for people with low-incomes through technical support and business training. Learn about these programs to

increase rainwater harvesting in low income areas, to promote climate resilient communities, and to create dignified green jobs.