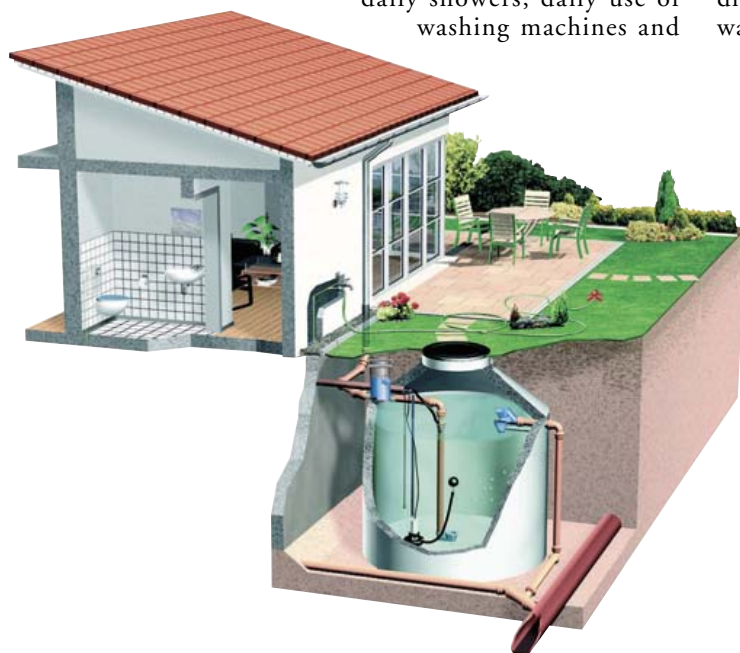


'Rainman' Water Recycling System Wins Top Award

Water down the drain is money down the drain: at least that's the way it used to be prior to the introduction of 'Rainman'. Supplied by Shay Murtagh Ltd., Co. Westmeath, Rainman is a water recycling system which filters rainwater from the roof, stores it in an underground concrete tank and recycles the water for use in flushing toilets, washing

machines, gardening and a range of other applications where drinking water is not required. The system is suitable for both domestic and commercial purposes.

Ireland is famous for its high level of rainfall and accordingly there has long been an assumption that acquiring water was as easy as turning on the tap. This was before we became partial to daily showers, daily use of washing machines and



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dishwashers not to mention watering the lawn, washing the car etc. Added to this, we have immigration and the explosion in tourism and the accompanying demands on water supply. And so it is that the dream of 'water on tap' ad infinitum, is steadily seeping away.

Saving fresh drinking water makes sense from both an economic and an environmental viewpoint and it is part of our national drive towards a more sustainable society. Water may seem to be in endless supply, but its delivery and purification requires more and more resources and these

resources carry a hefty price tag. Once the initial costs have been incurred, thereafter Rainman makes available a free supply of a large volume of water for use at the discretion of the householder or business owner.

'Rainman' won the prestigious 'Product of the Show' award at the recent Building Exhibition in Dublin's RDS.

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