

Rainwater Harvesting Market UK 2008-2012

A Review of the UK Rainwater Harvesting Market, including Product Shares, End Use Sector Mix, Review of Key Trends, Supplier Overview, Future Prospects and Market Forecasts to 2012

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MTW Research offers professional, quality market reports which are easy to read and digest and provide valuable information on which to base further research or decision-making. This report reviews the relatively new market sector of rainwater harvesting products in the UK, with the following chart providing the market size by value since 2004 and forecasts to 2012:-

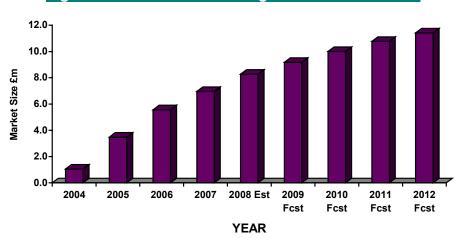


Figure 1: Rainwater Harvesting Market 2004-2014 £M

Source: MTW Research / Trade Estimates (figures censored from sample)

For the purposes of this report the UK Rainwater Harvesting Market is defined as consisting of the following key domestic and non-domestic product sectors:-

- Rainwater Tanks below & above ground tanks (all materials), header tanks, excluding 'water butts'.
- Filters downpipe, leaf separators & catchers, garden filters, tank filters (suction filters), industrial filters, calmed inlet etc.
- > Pumps & Controls Flow controllers, submersible pressure pumps, 240V / 12V etc.
- > Accessories Pipes, trapped overflow, tank level gauges, hose, UV sterilisation, solar panels etc.

The methodology for this report included primary research information from Government sources, manufacturers, contractors, and other trade sources. This was supported by secondary research from trade journals, company reports, Companies House, Government statistics, trade associations, company websites and existing knowledge in this sector.

2. Macro Economic & Overall Construction Market Issues

2.1 Political

3. Rainwater Harvesting Systems Market 2004-2012

3.1 Rainwater Harvesting Products Market Definition

For the purposes of this report, the UK rainwater harvesting market is composed of a number of product sectors which are manufactured and supplied to divert, filter and redistribute rainwater collected on the roof of domestic and non-domestic buildings to replace mains water use in non-potable applications.

Specifically, the key product sectors included are:-

- > Rainwater Tanks under & above ground tanks (all materials), header tanks
- ➤ **Filters** downpipe, leaf separators & catchers, garden filters, tank filters (suction filters), industrial filters, calmed inlet etc.
- Pumps & Controls Flow controllers, submersible pressure pumps, 240V / 12V etc.
- ➤ Accessories Pipes, trapped overflow, tank level gauges, hose, UV sterilisation, solar panels supplied as part of the package etc.

It should be noted that water butts are **excluded** from our definition of rainwater harvesting systems.

End use sectors include both domestic and non-domestic applications, including industrial, commercial, leisure, public sector, office buildings as well as domestic dwellings.

Typical applications for rainwater harvesting (RWH) systems include toilet and urinal flushing, laundry, irrigation, vehicle washing and some process applications in the non-domestic sector. Domestic systems can be shared between 2 households and typically used over 4 storeys.

3.2 Rainwater Harvesting Market Size by Value 2004-2012

3.2.1 Rainwater Harvesting Market 2004-2007

The UK rainwater harvesting market is currently estimated to be worth around £x million at distributor selling prices, reflecting substantial growth in recent years as indicated in the following chart:-

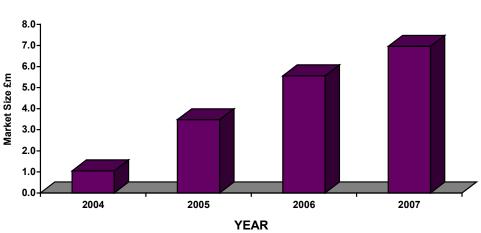


Figure 12: Rainwater Harvesting Market 2004-2007 £M

Source: MTW Research / Trade Estimates (figures censored from sample)

There are a number of complexities in terms of quantifying the RWH market, given the number of smaller suppliers active in the market, coupled with the relative lack of accurate reporting. As such, the above figures should be regarded with a degree of caution.

From historically low, stable levels, the rainwater harvesting market has received renewed attention in recent years as an alternative to mains water use, from both the domestic and non-domestic end use sectors. The market remains a relatively immature one in the UK, despite the products themselves being well established in Europe, and as such has experienced rapid and substantial growth in both volume and value terms.

Since 2004, indications are that the market has grown from a value of just over £x million, to reach around £x million in 2007, reflecting growth in excess of xxx%, albeit from very low levels. Sources indicate that the RWH market is still very much in a rapid growth phase of its life cycle, with a substantial potential target market on which to develop further healthy levels of growth.

Rainwater harvesting techniques have been used for thousands of years as a method of storing water throughout the year, negating the seasonality of rainfall to some extent. Relating specifically to the UK, rainwater harvesting represented a standard feature in most new houses in the nineteenth century, prior to the advent of mains water, as the technology resulted in homeowners not needing to make use of the village pump.

Whilst the drivers for RWH systems have changed significantly since this time, the general principles have remained the same throughout history, with roofs used to collect rainfall, and underground cisterns used to store the water to maintain water purity and prevent contamination.

By undertaking a strategic PEST analysis, it is clear that there are a large number of key market drivers in the rainwater harvesting industry which have provided substantial growth in this sector in recent years, including:-

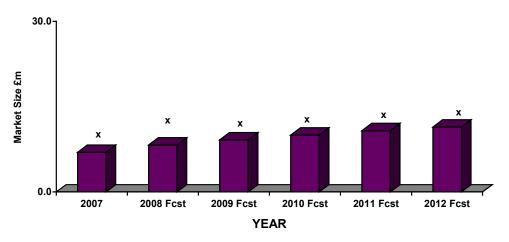
- Politico-legal Government targets, tax concessions and initiatives promoting RWH
- Economic Savings in respect to whole life cycle costs, particularly in non-domestic sectors
- Environmental Growing concern relating to a wide range of environmental issues
- Societal A growing appreciation of water consumption issues by society
- Technological Modern RWH products offer new methods of achieving greater efficiency

Within each of the main headings identified above, there are a myriad of positive and negative influencing factors which have already impacted on the market in recent years and will continue to influence the sector in the medium to longer term. These issues are discussed in further detail later in this chapter.

3.2.2 Rainwater Harvesting Market 2007-2012

The following chart provides an illustration of our forecasts for the rainwater harvesting market between 2007 and 2012 in value terms:-

Figure 13: Rainwater Harvesting Market 2007-2012 £M



Source: MTW Research / Trade Estimates(figures censored from sample)

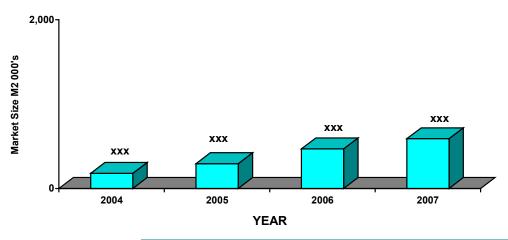
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3.3 Rainwater Harvesting Market By Roof Area 2004-2012

3.3.1 Rainwater Harvesting Market by Roof Area 2004-2007

In order to further understand the recent performance of the UK RWH sector, the following chart provides our estimates of the roof area used by such systems since 2004 until 2007:-

Figure 14: Rainwater Harvesting Market by Roof Area 2004-2007 M2



Source: MTW Research / Trade Estimates (figures censored from sample)

It should be noted

3.5 Rainwater Harvesting Market Drivers, Trends & Influences

As previously discussed, there are a wide range of factors which influence the performance of the RWH systems market and this section addresses some of these issues in terms of positive and negative influences.

The following chart briefly illustrates some of the key positive and negative issues impacting the RWH sector at present and in the future:-

Negative Influences
Censored

The above issues are discussed in more depth below:-

6. Key Rainwater Harvesting Suppliers Profiles

The following section provides a brief profile of some of the key players active in the UK Rainwater Harvesting Market at present. Whilst we have sought to include the key suppliers in the market, their inclusion or otherwise in this report may not necessarily reflect a company's significance in the industry.

7. Key Suppliers – Financial Profiles

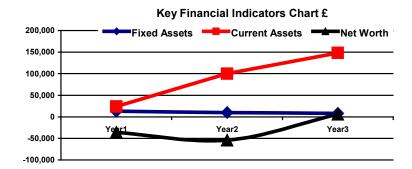
The following section identifies some of the leading suppliers of rainwater harvesting products in the UK at present and briefly profiles these companies alongside a financial indicator chart where such data is available from Companies House.

Sample Company Ltd

Sample Address Line 1 Sample Address line 2 Sample Address line 3 Postcode

Company Profile Overview

Sample Company is a private limited company, incorporated on sample date. The company's main activities are officially described as "other non-store retail sale".



The following table briefly provides a top line overview on Sample Company

Overview of Sample Company's Profile

Company Name	Sample Company Ltd
Incorporation Date	Sample date
Official Description of Activities	other non-store retail sale
Parent Company	Sample Parent Name
Ultimate Holding Company	Sample Ultimate Holding Company Name
Stated Number of Employees	n/a

Key Financial Indicators Analysis - Sample Company Ltd

Key Financial Indicators, Year Ending 31/03/2005 to 31/03/2007

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Key Indicator	Year Ending 31/03/2005	Year Ending 31/03/2006	Year Ending 31/03/2007
Turnover	n/a	n/a	n/a
Profit Before Tax	n/a	n/a	n/a
Debtors	17,000	49,000	84,000
Fixed Assets	13,000	10,000	8,000
Current Assets	24,000	100,000	148,000
Current Liabilities	73,000	164,000	150,000
Long Term Liabilities	0	0	0
Net Worth	-36,000	-54,000	6,000