How much rain can you harvest in Denver?

Could it help prevent wildfire damage?



Let's look at the last 30 years of data for Denver to see what the driest and wettest years were. We might be surprised by what we find.

Most homes, even in arid environments, do not put their rainwater to productive use. They let it run off the property, straight out to the ocean.

There is an opportunity to integrate rainwater harvesting into the design of new homes in Denver.



The driest year in Denver in the last 30 years was:



285 mm

(11.22 inches)

The wettest year in Denver in the last 30 years was:



601 mm

(23.66 inches)

This translates to:

25,650 litres

(6,750 gallons) of harvest / 1000 sq. feet of roof in the driest year

54,090 litres

(14,234 gallons) of harvest / 1000 sq. feet of roof in the wettest year

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The average home size in Denver is:



1,955 sq. feet

This translates to:

50,145.75 litres

(13,196 gallons) in the driest year 105,746 litres

(27,828 gallons) in the wettest year

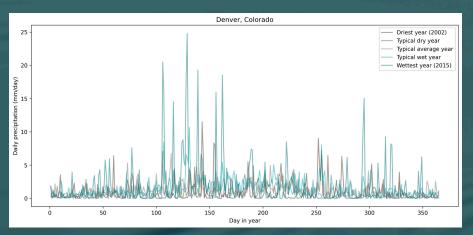


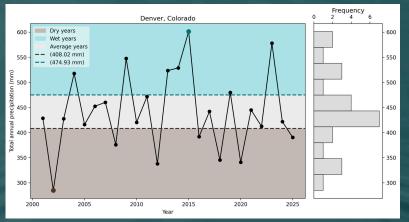
If we combined rainwater harvesting with a property-wide greywater reuse strategy, fire-resistant landscaping and fire-resistant building materials, we could bring the fire risk down substantially.

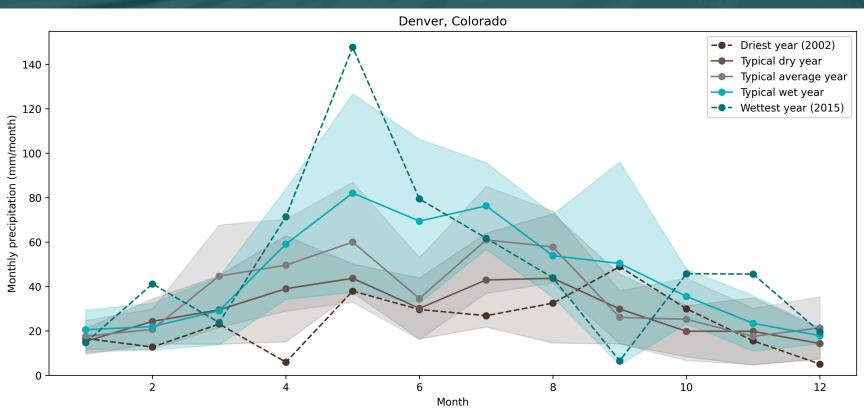
Greywater could be used to keep the fire-resistant landscape green and non-flammable year-round, and the rainwater could be stored for wildfire season as a backup measure.



Below are some charts the 5th World Data team put together to help understand the opportunity.









If you are in Denver and you are a building professional who wants to integrate these systems into your designs, please reach out at www.5thworld.com/contact/

