How much rain can you harvest in Sechelt?

Could it help prevent wildfire damage?



Let's look at the last 30 years of data for Sechelt 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 Sechelt.



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



1,356 mm

(53.38 inches)

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



2,112 mm

(83.14 inches)

This translates to:

122,040 litres

(32,116 gallons) of harvest / 1000 sq. feet of roof in the driest year

190,080 litres

(50,021 gallons) of harvest / 1000 sq. feet of roof in the wettest year

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The average home size in Sechelt is:



2,000 sq. feet

This translates to:

244,080 litres

(64,232 gallons) in the driest year

380,160 litres

(100,042 gallons) in the wettest year

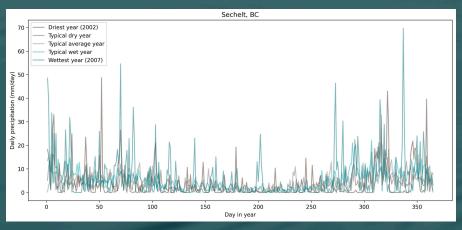


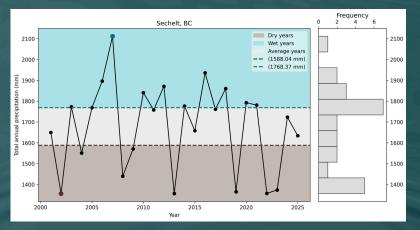
If we combined rainwater harvesting with a property-wide greywater reuse strategy, fire-resistant landscaping and fire-resistant building materials, we could bring the fire risk down substantially.

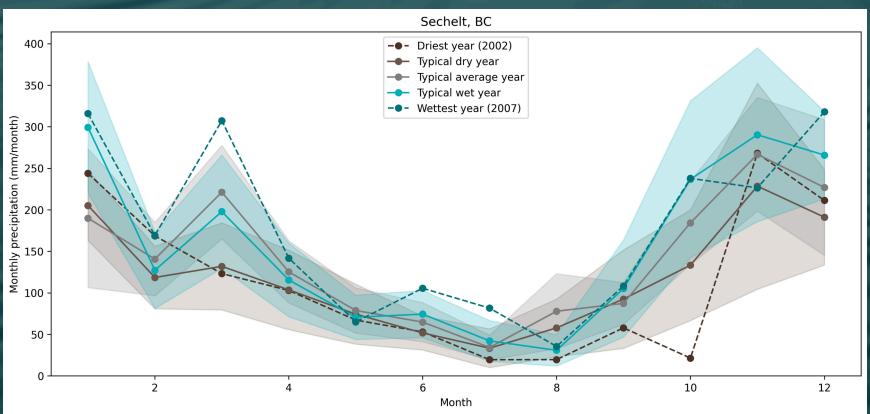
Greywater could be used to keep the fire-resistant landscape green and non-flammable year-round, and the rainwater could be stored for wildfire season as a backup measure.



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









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

