## How much rain can you harvest in Malaga, Spain?

Could it help prevent wildfire damage?



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



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



248 mm

(9.76 inches)

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



(39.76 inches)

This translates to:

## 22,320 litres

(5,874 gallons) of harvest / 1000 sq. feet of roof in the driest year

## 90,900 litres

(23,921 gallons) of harvest / 1000 sq. feet of roof in the wettest year

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The average home size in Malaga is:



1,400 sq. feet

This translates to:

31,248 litres

(8,223 gallons) in the driest year

127,260 litres

(33,489 gallons) in the wettest year

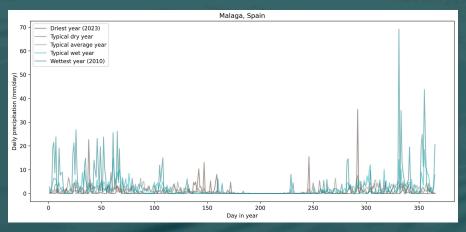


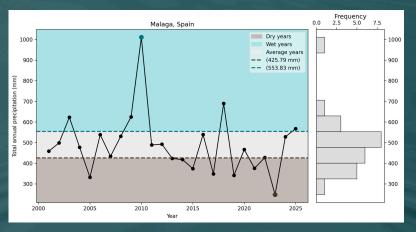
If we combined rainwater harvesting with a property-wide greywater reuse strategy, fire-resistant landscaping and fire-resistant building materials, we could bring the fire risk down substantially.

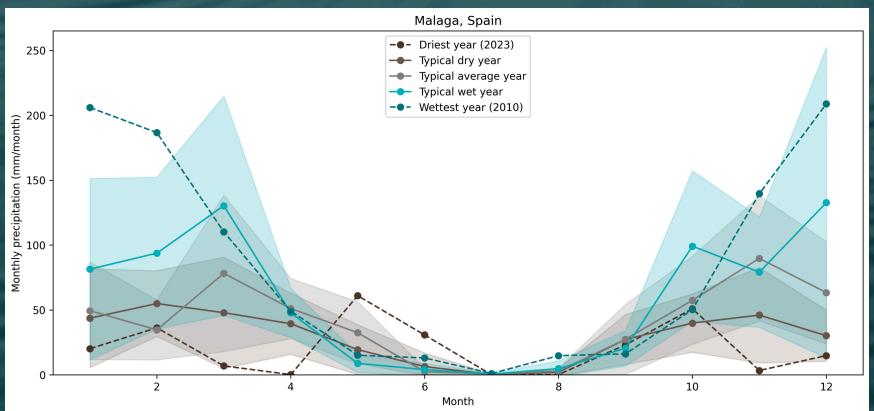
Greywater could be used to keep the fire-resistant landscape green and non-flammable year-round, and the rainwater could be stored for wildfire season as a backup measure.



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









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

