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- *Part 1: Systems for the use of rainwater*
- *Part 2: Systems for the use of treated greywater*

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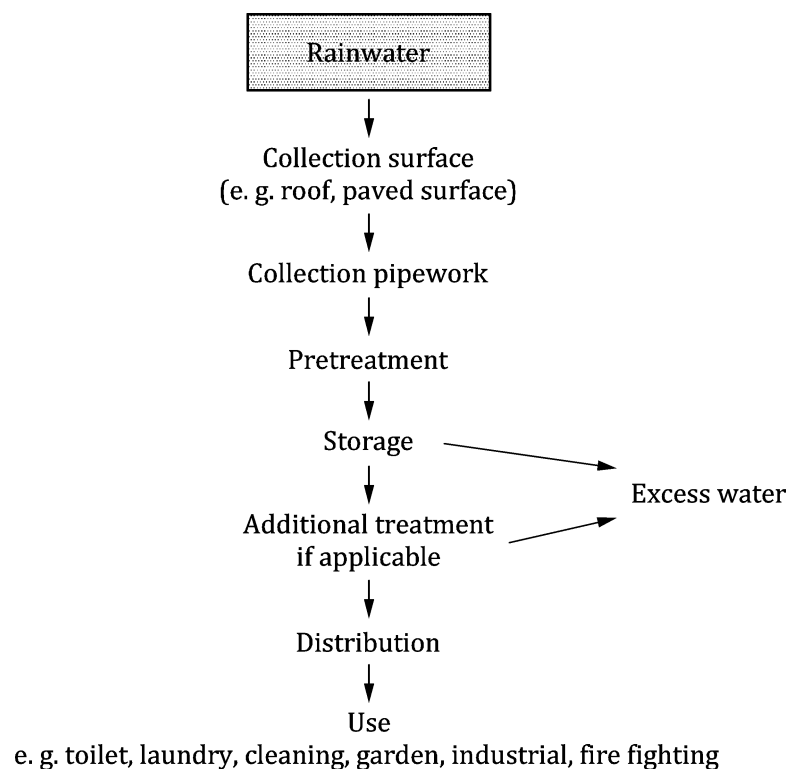
## Introduction

Ecological and sustainable water management is a goal of rainwater management. It is to be expected that the natural water supplies, especially by precipitation, will change in the course of climate change. Whereas evenly distributed seasonal rainwater supply over the year may decrease locally, as it was recorded during recent years in many European areas, sudden rainstorm events with high intensity and great volumes of water during short periods of time occur more often. To foster local resilience to water scarcity it is feasible to harvest and collect rainwater for later use. Herein rainwater harvesting and infiltration, as well as the decentralized detention of rainwater, are alternatives to the customary drainage of rainwater. Rainwater harvesting also reduces the potable water demand and the discharge of water.

To sustain the natural cycle of water, excess water from the rainwater harvesting system can be infiltrated or otherwise evacuated in line with national or regional requirements.

On-site collection and use of rainwater covers a variety of non-potable applications like toilet flushing, laundry, irrigation, climate control of buildings, cleaning, etc. at private and rented properties, residential areas, community developments, industrial sites, hotels, streets, parks, golf courses, theme parks, car parks, stadia, etc.

A generic flow chart of rainwater use on-site is presented in Figure 1.



**Figure 1 — Generic flow chart of rainwater use**

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements and gives recommendations for the design, sizing, installation, identification, commissioning and maintenance of rainwater harvesting systems for the use of rainwater on-site as non-potable water. This document also specifies the minimum requirements for these systems.

Excluded from the scope of this document are

- the use as drinking water and for food preparation,
- the use for personal hygiene purposes,
- attenuation and
- infiltration.

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EN 476, *General requirements for components used in drains and sewers*

EN 805, *Water supply — Requirements for systems and components outside buildings*

EN 806 (all parts), *Specification for installations inside buildings conveying water for human consumption*

EN 809, *Pumps and pump units for liquids — Common safety requirements*

EN 1295-1, *Structural design of buried pipelines under various conditions of loading — Part 1: General requirements*

EN 1610, *Construction and testing of drains and sewers*

EN 1717, *Protection against pollution of potable water in water installations and general requirements of devices to prevent pollution by backflow*

EN 12050 (all parts), *Wastewater lifting plants for buildings and sites*

EN 12056-1, *Gravity drainage systems inside buildings — Part 1: General and performance requirements*

EN 12056-3, *Gravity drainage systems inside buildings — Part 3: Roof drainage, layout and calculation*

EN 12056-4, *Gravity drainage systems inside buildings — Part 4: Wastewater lifting plants — Layout and calculation*

EN 12056-5, *Gravity drainage systems inside buildings — Part 5: Installation and testing, instructions for operation, maintenance and user*