City of Vincent Reusable Sanitary Product Rebate

To help residents make the switch to Reusable Sanitary Products, City of Vincent is offering a rebate of 50% of the cost of your reusable sanitary product purchase, up to a total rebate value of \$50.

Everyday millions of single-use sanitary products, along with their wrappers and packaging, are sent to landfill. Some even end up polluting our wastewater and must be removed to prevent them entering our natural waterways.

Reusables are easy to use and often far more convenient than single-use products.

They are also very cost effective and could see you save hundreds of dollars each year in comparison to single-use.

Many brands have taken the opportunity to ditch the plastic packaging in favour of more sustainable options, so you can choose to refuse single-use plastic.

Reusable Sanitary Products are widely available at online retailers, chemists and shops. Even major supermarkets are now stocking reusables!

Whether you're a menstruating person or you are living with light bladder leakage or incontinence, there are many sustainable solutions to choose from in every size & shape:

- Menstrual cups
- Period underwear
- Cloth pads
- Light bladder leakage underwear
- Reusable Incontinence underwear & pads (men's / women's)
- Reusable Maternity nursing pads
- and many more!

Aim

- To assist residents in a transition away from single-use plastic based products to reusables.
- To educate residents to the many Reusable Sanitary Products options now readily available in the market and their ease of use and convenience compared to single-use products.
- To introduce residents to the opportunity of cost savings that reusable products can provide over time.
- To divert sanitary waste from landfill.
- To minimize risk of wastewater pollution and infrastructure damage due to incorrect flushing of single use sanitary products and their wrappers.
- To minimize the risk of single use plastics entering the local environment.
- To reduce plastic consumption in our community, including that in the single use products themselves as well as their packaging and wrappers.

How to claim your Reusable Sanitary Product rebate

Make your purchase of any Reusable Sanitary Products after 1 July 2022.

Obtain a valid tax receipt, listing the items purchased.

Fill in the <u>Reusable Sanitary Product Rebate Application Form</u> and email the completed form to <u>waste.enquiry@vincent.wa.gov.au</u> along with:

- Valid itemised tax receipt
- Proof of City of Vincent residency (eg. Current drivers licence, recent rates notice or utility bill).

Terms & Conditions:

- 1. This Reusable Sanitary Products rebate is available only to current City of Vincent residents.
- 2. Rebate is applicable for reusable sanitary products purchases made from 1 July 2022 onwards. The rebate cannot be paid on purchases made prior to this date.
- 3. A rebate of 50% of the purchase price is offered, up to a maximum rebate amount of \$50.
- 4. One rebate for reusable sanitary products available per household in the City of Vincent.
- 5. Proof of City of Vincent residency required (e.g. driver's licence or recent rates notice / utility bill).
- 6. A valid tax invoice must be provided showing details of the items purchased.
- 7. Rebates will be processed by the City's Finance team in accordance with current processes. This may take several weeks to process.
- 8. Rebate will be sent via EFT to your nominated bank account and may take up to 4-6 weeks.
- 9. Rebate is only applicable for the reusable sanitary products and not for any other related postage cost.
- 10. Allocated budget for this rebate for the 2022/23 financial year a maximum of \$10,000. Rebates are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Related links and articles:

Sustainable Period Project: <u>https://sustainableperiodproject.org/resources/</u>

Continence Foundation of Australia: https://www.continence.org.au/

Choice Review of Period Underwear:

https://www.choice.com.au/health-and-body/reproductive-health/womens-health/articles/menstrualcups-and-period-underwear

Choice Menstrual Cup Buying guide: https://www.choice.com.au/health-and-body/reproductive-health/womens-health/buyingguides/menstrual-cups

9 things I've learned while wearing period underwear: My attitude to my cycle and menstrual protection has changed for the better. <u>https://www.choice.com.au/health-and-body/reproductive-health/womens-health/articles/things-i-</u> learned-wearing-period-underwear

Images:



Reusable Sanitary Product sustainable packaging



Menstrual cup samples



Period underwear, Light bladder leakage underwear, Men's incontinence underwear samples