

Rain Barrels



- What is a rain barrel?
 - A rain barrel is a system that collects and stores rainwater from your roof that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains and streams. These rain barrels are recycled 55 gallon drums. The barrels have a perforated, screen mesh top to stop contaminants from entering. They also have top overflows, bottom drains, and a plastic spigot that can thread a hose.

□ Benefits

- Conserve water
 - A rain barrel can save approximately 1,300 gallons of water during peak summer months.
- Save Money and Energy
 - Lawn and garden watering make up nearly 40% of total household water use during the summer months. This decreased demand for treated tap water not only helps protect the environment, but also saves money and energy
- Reduce Water Pollution
 - Rain barrels reduce water runoff, which can contain pollutants like sediment, oil, grease, bacteria, and nutrients.
- Improve the Health of Your Garden, Lawn, and Trees
 - Rain barrels provide an ample supply of “soft water” to homeowners for gardens, flower beds, and car and window washing. Using harvested rain water offers a natural alternative to the chemicals and hard water that many municipal systems produce.
- Teach and Encourage Others
 - You will help to spread the culture of rainwater collection and in turn help our community and the environment.