

Rain Barrel

ADVANTAGES

RAIN BARRELS:

- Collect and store rain water runoff from your roof for later use
- Cut costs on water bill
- Direct rain water away from building foundations
- Set-up quickly and easily
- Require little maintenance
- Reduce overflow into neighboring creeks and reduce the amount of storm water reaching the combined sewers



For more information about rain barrels, rain gardens, and other related information and events:



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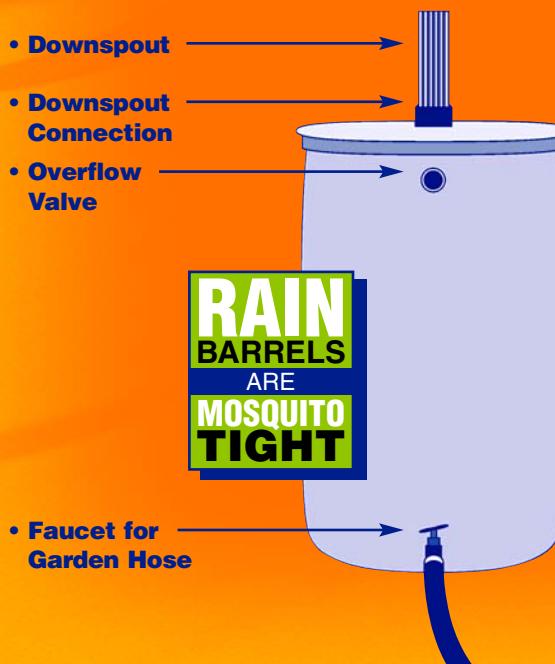


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A rain barrel collects and stores rain water from your rooftop to use later for watering your garden or lawn. Water collected in a rain barrel would normally flow down through your home downspout, onto a paved surface and eventually into a storm drain.

Rain barrels help relieve the impact of heavy storms by capturing runoff before it enters our city's storm drains or combined sewers.

Rain barrels come in all shapes and sizes. The one MSD offers holds 58 gallons. They are "mosquito tight" and made of 100% recycled material. They are food grade barrels and are white, sometimes blue, but are easily painted with Krylon Fusion™ (available in a variety of colors).



Yes, it Really is That

SIMPLE!

Installation is a breeze. Insert the downspout into the opening at the top of the barrel, and then connect your garden hose to the faucet at the bottom. Depending on the severity of the rain event, water overflow from the barrel is always a possibility. Because of this, they are fitted with an overflow valve on the side near the top. The option is to either attach a hose to another barrel for additional storage or let the water flow out a hose away from the foundation. Overflow valves are either threaded for garden hose connection or fitted to easily attach with clamped PVC™ pipe.

Keep an eye on the weather and drain the barrel ahead of time if heavy rain is forecast.

MAINTENANCE

Rain barrels require a little maintenance. To avoid cracking when the temperature drops below freezing, open the bottom faucet. Every few months, it's a good idea to turn the barrel upside down and clean out any gutter debris or leaves. Remember to always direct any flow away from the house foundation.

Rain Barrels Help

EVERYONE!

"I'm really excited about my rain barrel! I've already used about 30 gallons of FREE WATER! Also, it's helped dry up the area behind my garage"
-MSD customer John Hill



RAIN BARREL PAINTING PARTY



Watch for upcoming community rain barrel events on MSD's website www.msdlouky.org

