



Rain Barrels

Rain barrels are systems which collect and store rain water from rooftops for watering your lawn and flower gardens. Rain barrels conserve water and can slowly release storm water, which otherwise is channeled untreated into nearby streams and rivers.

Inexpensive rain barrels can be made from food grade plastic barrels or heavy-duty trash cans, or purchased ready-made. Food grade plastic barrels may not weather the elements as well as more expensive, durable systems. Typically, food grade plastic rain barrels may safely contain from 15–60 gallons of water.

High density plastic barrels that are weather and UV resistant can be purchased from numerous nonprofit agencies, commercial manufacturers, and retailers. Prices for weather and UV resistant barrels may range in price from one to two hundred dollars.

CAPTURE THE RAIN



- *Divert storm water runoff and associated pollutants from storm drain systems.*
- *Reduce the velocity of water entering local rivers and streams.*
- *Store high quality water for lawns and gardens.*
- *Direct runoff away from building foundations.*
- *Reduce water and sewer bills.*

Rain barrels can be used individually or linked to capture a greater volume of water. They can be used as the central water source for water-saving drip irrigation systems.

Locate rain barrels under downspouts where rainwater can be most easily collected for transport away from building foundations into a garden or onto the yard.

CONSERVE



Outdoor water use typically accounts for up to 50 percent of water consumed by households. The water savings from using stored rainwater rather than municipal or well water can be substantial over a period of time.

Many rainfall events will generate enough runoff to overflow most rain barrels. Consider an overflow connector and divert the excess to a rain garden.

Water is a precious resource that we can protect and conserve with simple solutions. By doing so, you will reap the benefits of saving money on your water bill and preventing water pollution from storm runoff.

Direct your downspout to a rain barrel and lead the way in teaching others in the community to do the same.



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A Storm Water Management Solution

RAIN BARREL CONTACT LIST

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Des Moines, IA 50310
Tel: (515) 276-6267

Shafer Environmental Technologies **New!**
Winterset, Iowa
Tel: (515) 462-9833
setrainbarrel@yahoo.com

Prairie and Wetland Center
16245 S. 71 Highway
Belton, MO 64012
Tel: (816) 331-9738
Fax: (816) 331-9739
www.critsite.com
Cost: \$139.99 + shipping

Little Blue River Watershed Coalition
6103 Noland Road
Kansas City, MO 64133
Tel: (816) 356-4040
www.littleblueriverwc.org
info@littleblueriverwc.org
Food grade plastic
Cost: \$75.00-125.00 + shipping

Clean Air Gardening
2266 Monitor Street
Dallas, TX 75207
Tel: (214) 819-9500
www.cleanairgardening.com
Cost: \$109.99-299.99 + shipping

Midwestern Internet Sales
Tel: (877) 888-5609
www.midwestinternetsales.com
Cost: \$119.95-124.95
Free shipping

Rainsaver Rainbarrel
5802 Penrose Ave
Dallas, TX 75206
USA
Tel: (214) 370-0530
www.rainsaverusa.com
Cost: \$299.99 + shipping

Gardeners Supply Company
128 Intervale Road
Burlington, VT 05401
Tel: (888) 833-1412
www.gardeners.com
Cost: \$129.00-169.00 + shipping

Aquabarrel
878 Muddy Branch Road
Mail Box #25
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
Tel: (240) 683-RAIN (7246)
www.aquabarrel.com
Cost: \$105.00-294.97
Free shipping

The New England Rain Barrel Company
Tel: (877) 977-3135
www.nerainbarrel.com
Food grade plastic
Cost: \$89.00 + shipping

The Spruce Creek Company
PO Box 106
Warriors Mark, PA 16877
Tel: (800) 940-0187
www.sprucecreekrainsaver.com
Cost: \$169.99 + shipping

Cypress Designs
PO Box 2782
Ferndale, WA 98248
Tel: (360) 224-1544
www.cypressdesigns.com
Cost: \$175.00-230.00 + shipping

Aaron's Rain Barrels & More
86 Watertower Plaza #174
Leominster, MA 01453
Tel: (978) 790-1816
www.ne-design.net
Cost: \$150.00-275.00 + shipping

GREENCulture, Inc.
32 Rancho Circle
Lake Forest, CA 92630
Tel: (877) 204-7336
www.watersavers.com
Cost: \$109.00-265.00 + shipping

SpruceCreekRainsaver.com

- Sell their rainbarrels at whole sale cost to conservation agencies and organizations.
- They are distributors for the Gutter Works rain barrels, Barnes City, IA
- A Spruce Creek 54 gal. rain barrel, delivered anywhere in the contiguous United States is \$130/barrel + \$45.00 shipping = \$175.00.
- Will send free sample.

RainBarrelsUSA.com

- Sell rainbarrels (three sizes) at whole sale cost to conservation agencies and organizations.
- The wholesale cost per 55 gallon rain barrel is \$78.00. However, it looks as if a large order would have to be made to make shipping costs affordable.
- They are willing to send a free sample, and sell the barrels on consignment so that cities may sell them to individuals on demand.

Watersavers.com

- Unit discounts w/bulk orders.
- Other offers may be available*



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