

REASONS TO USE A RAIN BARREL



- Plants thrive on soft, oxygenated water with a neutral pH, ambient temperature, and absent of water treatment chemicals
- Conserve water
- Reduce water bill amount
- Divert water from storm drain system
- Protect rivers and streams from stormwater runoff (which becomes polluted after running across paved surfaces)
- Environmentally friendly

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- A mesh screen top to keep out leaves, shingle grit, debris, and prevent mosquitoes from breeding in your barrel.
- An overflow spigot to enable you to drain excess water or hook into an irrigation system or soaker hose.
- Soaker hoses are inexpensive, easy to install, and easy to maintain. Rain barrels fill up fast! A soaker hose enables you to divert the water to your yard or garden, as desired.
- Plan for the appropriate size – collected water needs used within one week.
- Rain barrels can be connected together to allow for overflow to be diverted to another barrel.

Did you know?

The estimated average roof size of a Delaware County home is 1,800 square feet. With one inch of rainfall, a roof that size produces 1,077 gallons of usable water.

Delaware County, Ohio averages 37 inches of precipitation per year, which results in the average home contributing 41,469 gallons of water annually going down the drain.

- Do not use collected water for drinking, cooking or bathing.
- Keep the lid secure so children or animals cannot fall into the barrel.
- Disconnect the barrel during winter months to avoid freezing and the constant overflow during the rainiest months.
- If a moss killer has been used on the roof, let a couple of rainfall events go by before collecting roof runoff.

Tips for using Rain Barrels



What is a Rain Barrel?

A rain barrel collects rain water from your rooftop which you can later use to water your garden, trees, or indoor plants. Rain barrels come in different sizes as well as a variety of colors and shapes to match just about any home. With a spigot at the bottom of the barrel, it is easy to attach hoses to allow easy watering of far-away flowerbeds.