

Rain Barrels

\$15 - \$200

Rain barrels typically cost this much depending on whether you build one or buy one.

Rain barrels can be used with downspout disconnection programs, home drainage systems and by themselves to collect water for later use.

Help Protect Your Watershed

A rain barrel collects and stores rainwater from your rooftop to use later for lawn and garden watering. Rain barrels are designed to hold between 50 - 100 gallons of water.

Rain Barrel Benefits

- Reduce stormwater runoff
- Lower water bills
- Reduce water pollution
- Inexpensive and easy to build & install

Collected rain water is better for plants because it's not chlorinated and it is mildly acidic, which helps plants take up important minerals from the soil.

Rain barrels have additional benefits. They can provide water during dry weather, or you can set them to slowly release the water over a 1-2 day period when the rains have subsided. The slower release of rain will allow the water to seep into the soil and be used by plants.

3 Easy Steps to Your Own Rain Barrel

1. Cut hole in barrel.
 - * Lower and upper drain holes
 - * Top hole for grate or filter
2. Set up rain barrel and modify downspout.
 - * Place barrel on level ground
3. Assemble parts.
 - * Garden hose & shutoff valve
 - * Overflow connector & drain hose
 - * Filter
 - * Spigot (optional)

For more specific instructions and a list of needed materials, check our website at www.mmsd.com. Information and links are also available for other stormwater management techniques and ideas.

If you would like more information, please check our web site at: www.mmsd.com or call 414-272-5100



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