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## ADDITIONAL TIPS

- Elevate barrel on cinder blocks for increased pressure
- **WATER NOT FOR POTABLE USE**

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


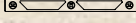


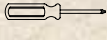



**DIVERTER**  
**RAIN BARREL CARE**  
 Manage Water Where it Falls





## TOOLS NEEDED

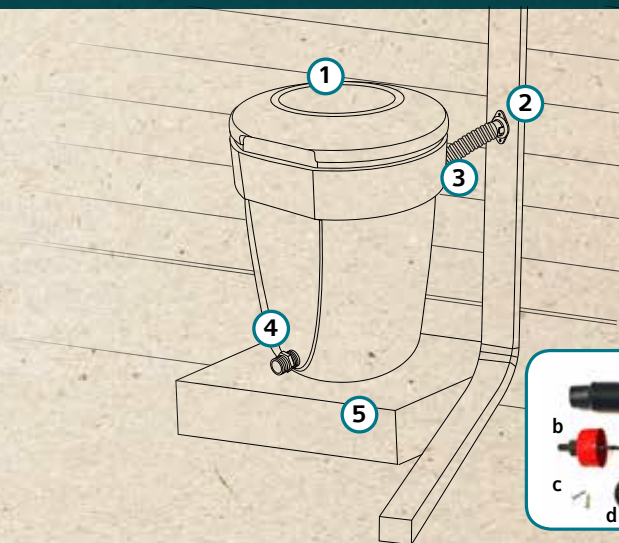
- Safety Glasses 
- Safety Gloves 
- Measuring Tape 
- Level 
- Pencil 
- Scissors 
- Phillips Screwdriver 
- Drill 



Diverter Kit & Instructions

## INSTALLATION

See instructions inside the barrel.



- 1 Barrel
- 2 FlexiFit™ Diverter
- 3 Fill Hose
- 4 Drain or Hose Attachment
- 5 Base

Diverter kit includes:



- a) Fill Hose
- b) Hole Saw
- c) Screws
- d) Rubber Seal
- e) FlexiFit™ Diverter
- f) Winterizing Hole Cover

Rain barrels capture rainwater from your roof to use later when it's dry outside to give thirsty gardens, flowers and trees a drink. Rain barrels help keep excess water out of the sewer system when it rains. They also help prevent rain from becoming polluted stormwater runoff—the biggest remaining threat to clean rivers and lakes in the United States.



## PAINTING TIPS / HOW-TO

- Wipe down the barrel with a one-to-one mixture of vinegar and water
- Rough the surface of the barrel with a piece of fine-grit sandpaper
- Apply a coat of latex bonding primer
- Paint your design with "exterior latex" paint

## MAINTENANCE

### SPRING

- Hook your rain barrel back up (directions in diverter kit)
  - \* Make sure rain barrel is level and that the diverter piece is below the top of the rain barrel
- Check the seals around the spigot and drain/hose attachment
  - \* Additional pieces can be ordered online at [www.rainbarrelparts.com](http://www.rainbarrelparts.com)
- Make sure your downspout is directed away from your house (minimum of 4', preferred 10')
- Check your gutters for debris
- Use the water in the rain barrel within 3 days, if possible

### SUMMER

- Use the water in the rain barrel within 3 days, if possible
- Regularly check & remove debris from your gutters and FlexiFit™ Diverter

### FALL

#### AT SEASON'S END (When temperature falls below 40°F):

- Remove leaves and empty the water out of the rain barrel
  - Remove leaves from the rain barrel by removing the lid
  - Spray the inside of the barrel with water and shake leaves out
- Remove the diverter piece from the downspout
- Secure winter cap over the hole in the downspout and screw into place
- Turn the rain barrel upside down and store in your garage or basement

### WINTER

- Let your rain barrel hibernate