

CONSERVE WATER    HELP PREVENT FLOODING



**Metropolitan Water Reclamation  
District of Greater Chicago**



## **A smart idea**

Rain barrels capture rainwater from your roof and save it for when you need it. By keeping this water out of the sewer system, they can also help reduce sewer overflows and flooding.

You can use rain barrel water to wash your car, water your lawn, or clean work boots and tools. Rain barrel water is naturally free of chlorine, lime, and calcium and some gardeners swear their plants prefer it. However, since rain barrel water is runoff from your roof, do not drink it!

## **A part of any yard**

Most homes can benefit from rain barrels. If you have areas of unpaved, pervious ground near your downspouts, rain barrels should work in your yard. Homeowners throughout Cook County have incorporated rain barrels into their yards with great results.

## **Green and recycled**

Rain barrels are a type of green infrastructure that manages stormwater by keeping rain on the property and out of the sewer system.

Our rain barrels are made from recycled and/or repurposed plastic.

## Easy to install, easy to use

Installing a rain barrel is easy and only requires a few tools. A connecting elbow and detailed instructions are provided with all rain barrels. Once it is connected, you just need to wait for rain and your barrel will be ready to use.

## A rain barrel at work



**The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District sells rain barrels to Cook County residents. Visit [mwrdd.org](http://mwrdd.org) for current pricing.**

The price includes a flexible connecting elbow to attach your barrel to your downspout, a linking hose to connect it to a second barrel, detailed instructions,



*While the appearance and design of rain barrels may change from year to year, their functionality will remain the same. The photos in this brochure show a variety of barrel designs and do not necessarily represent those currently distributed under the MWRD's green infrastructure program.*

**Visit [mwr.d.org](http://mwr.d.org)  
to order your rain  
barrels today!**

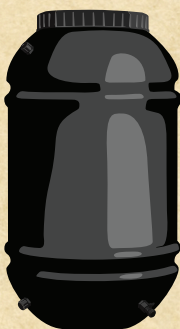
- **Free delivery to Cook County residents**
- **55-gallon capacity**
- **Available in four colors**



**Terra Cotta**



**Blue**



**Black**



**Gray**

**Includes flexible connecting  
elbow, linking hose and detailed  
instructions**

**Rain barrels are a form of green infrastructure that can help you conserve water and save on your water bill.**

Disconnecting your downspouts and installing rain barrels may help to reduce the amount of rain water flowing from your property through local sewer and collection systems that can be overwhelmed by intense rain events.

For step by step instructions, watch the installation video at <https://mwrld.org/rain-barrels>.



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