CONSERVE WATER HELP PREVENT FLOODING

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Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago



<mark>A smart idea</mark>

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

Downspout drains water from roof gutters

> Connecting Elbow directs water from downspout and into the rain barrel

Rain Barrel stores 55 gallons of water

Stand

elevates rain barrel for better water pressure and easy access; concrete blocks work well

Plants and Grass love rain barrel water

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Pervious Surface (not paved) absorbs overflow

Only \$21.96 for residents while supplies last. Residents 65 and over receive an additional discounted price of \$10.98. Limit 2 discounted rain barrels per household.

Order at mwrd.org.

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, and free delivery to your home.



While the appearance and design of rain barrels may change from year to year, their functionality remains 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 mwrd.org to order your rain barrels today!



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://mwrd.org/rain-barrels.



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