

# Rain Barrels: *a smart approach to clean, free water*



## What are Some Advantages of a Rain Barrel?

Lawn and garden watering make up nearly 40% of total household water use during the summer. A rain barrel collects water and stores it for when you need it most - during periods of drought. It provides an ample supply of free “soft water” to homeowners and contains no chlorine, lime or calcium. This makes it ideal for watering gardens, car and window washing or topping off a swimming pool.

A rain barrel can save most homeowners about 1,300 gallons of water during peak summer months. Saving water not only helps protect the environment, it saves you money and energy. Diverting water from storm drains also decreases the impact of runoff to streams and rivers. Therefore, a rain barrel is an easy way for you to help protect our natural resources and have a supply of clean, fresh water for outdoor use, for FREE! Consider purchasing your rain barrel from the Monroe Conservation District where all your purchases are appreciated and support our conservation efforts. For more information about these products go to [www.upcycle-products.com](http://www.upcycle-products.com) or call the Monroe Conservation District at 734.241.8540 ext. 5 or email [Monroecd@macd.org](mailto:Monroecd@macd.org)

Collect and store rainwater from rooftops for later use.



- ✚ 55-gallon capacity, shapes may vary
- ✚ Includes aluminum screening on top to keep out leaves, debris and insects
- ✚ Includes front hose shutoff, side fitting to connect multiple barrels, & overflow fitting & cap
- ✚ Saves you money and energy during peak summer months with decreased demand for treated water
- ✚ Reduces storm water runoff and pollutants that are carried to drains, streams and rivers