



RESPECT OUR WATERS

► [www.respectourwaters.org](http://www.respectourwaters.org)

# RAIN BARRELS



**Use a rain barrel to reduce water pollution by collecting rain water where it falls!**

## Rain Barrel Benefits

- Rain water collected in barrels can be saved for yard maintenance during dry spells and can help you reduce your overall water consumption and utility fees.
- Rain barrels can reduce the risk of basement flooding by directing rain water away from a home's foundation.
- For every inch of rain that falls on a 1,000 square foot roof, about 600 gallons of water can be collected. Depending on the number of rain barrels you use, you could be saving hundreds of gallons of water from becoming polluted runoff!

If you are interested in installing a rain barrel on your property, you can find more information and resources on the Respect Our Waters website or through your local government.



## QUICK TIP

Looking for an easy way to make a change? Divert your drain spouts into your yard instead of onto your driveway or sidewalk.

This reduces the amount of runoff from your home, as some of the stormwater will be absorbed by plants and the soil!