

Rain Barrels -

A great addition to every home

Order yours today!

Rain Barrels are a simple, efficient, low-cost method for homeowners to collect and recycle water. Rain barrels are simply large containers that capture rainwater at the end of your downspout, and have a spigot on the front making captured rainwater available.

- It's estimated that during the hot summer months, the average homeowner uses 40 percent of the household water in the yard. Collecting the mineral-rich, chlorine-free rainwater that falls on your roof supplements your household water use, reducing your demand for tap water and lowering your water bill!
- Using the rain that falls on your property and not allowing it to run off will help recharge the water supply and reduce stress on our creeks and rivers. It also reduces the undesirable impacts of rainwater running off of hard surfaces, allowing fewer pesticides and fertilizers into our rivers and streams and reducing erosion and flooding of streambanks from swiftly flowing water.
- Modern rain barrels are sealed, safe around children and insect resistant.
- A quarter-inch of rain falling on the average home yields over 200 gallons of water.

The 55 gallon black, slate, blue or terra cotta color (different shipments come in

different colors), recycled food grade plastic barrel has a valve (see picture) and a screw off lid fitted with a screen to accept your downspout. Overflows and connections to additional barrels have also been installed.

Rain Barrel Instructions

It is a good idea to put your barrel up on a platform (concrete blocks or deck boards). The added height increases the water pressure and allows you to put a bucket under the spigot to bring water to your indoor plants. We have stands available for an additional \$20.

Measure and cut the downspout. (Keep the cut off for reattachment in the winter). Use two elbows or a flexible spout attachment* to direct the water to the top of the barrel. The end of the downspout should be cut 2-3 inches above the top of the barrel. Downspouts can be cut with a hacksaw. * Flexible spouts can be purchased at any hardware store or home center near the gutter parts.

In the Fall, you will want to empty your rain barrel and store it/flip it over. Then, replace the downspout you saved for the Winter.

Diverters are available that can easily switch the downspout from filling the barrel to normal operation once the barrel is full.

Pre Order Form

**You will be contacted when your rain barrel(s) are available for delivery/pick up.
Delivery is available to residents only.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Color Choice (indicate quantity):

_____ Black _____ Blue
_____ Gray _____ Terra Cotta

_____ # Barrels @ \$75 each

_____ # Stands @ \$20 each

_____ TOTAL

- Check enclosed
(make payable to Channahon Park District)
- Charge my credit card
 MasterCard Discover VISA

_____ Card Number _____ Expiration Date

_____ Signature

**Submit form to: Arrowhead Community Center
Or mail to: Channahon Park District, 24856 W
Eames Street, Channahon, IL 60410**

How can the rainwater be used?

Consider these ideas for your mineral-rich, chlorine-free rainwater:

- Attach regular or soaker hoses to the bottom spigot and top overflow valve and direct to landscaped areas nearby.
- Fill a bucket to hand-water plants in your garden and indoor plants.
- Use for pet-care, from filling animal water bowls, to using for pet baths.
- Use the rain water to wash cars and bicycles.



Decorate your Rain Barrel

This is a great project for your family or community group and will make your rain barrel not only functional, but a beautiful piece of personalized art. It won't last forever, but follow these steps for best results:



- If you just want to paint your rain barrel a solid color, use Krylon's Fusion spray paints, which are designed for plastic and do not require a primer.
- If you want to paint pictures on your barrel, first prime it with Zinser 1-2-3 (blue can) and follow with a coat of interior/exterior grade acrylic paint for a base coat.
- Use acrylic paints to add your own design and display proudly!



**CHANNAHON
PARK DISTRICT**

Est. 1971

www.channahonpark.org



Rain Barrels For Sale - \$75



Channahon Park District
24856 W Eames Street
Channahon, IL 60410
815-467-PARK (7275)

www.channahonpark.org