Chesapeake Master Gardeners Association

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DIY Rain Barrel

Install a rain barrel. Purchase a DIY kit or have it installed by a Master Gardener or sign up for a future rain barrel workshop. Check our quarterly class schedule on our web page.

Kit includes everything you need:

A corrosion free, dent-resistant polyethylene 55-gallon barrel (color of barrel may vary). Barrels are human safe and never contained harmful chemicals.

A DIY kit includes connections to down spout, faucet, and needed hole saws and complete instructions.

All you need are some tools such as an electric drill, slotted screwdriver and a small level.

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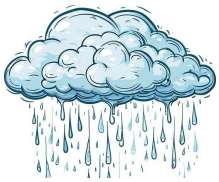

Rain Barrel Order Form

NOTE: Before placing your order, please measure your gutter downspout and specify size.
Large: 4-1/4" wide x 3" deep
Small: 3-1/4" wide x 2-1/2" deep

Quantity	Description	Price
_____	**55 Gallon Barrel + Diverter Kit**	**$75 each**
_____	**Diverter Kit *Only***	**$45 each**
_____	**Complete Set-Up (*stand, delivered, set-up)**	
	* **Stand includes:**	
	Option #1: 10 " high stand - 2, 8"x16" concreate block, paver and gravel.	**$30**
	Option #2: 18" high stand - 4, 8"x16" concreate block, paver and gravel.	**$40**
	Total Due:	**$_____**

Mail Order Form & Checks payable to: CMGA, P.O. Box 1174, Chesapeake, VA 23327

NAME: _____ CIRCLE GUTTER SIZE: Large or Small

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

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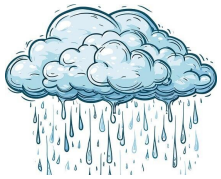
Why a Rain Barrel????

Rain barrels offer numerous benefits, including water conservation, cost savings, and reduced stormwater runoff. By capturing rainwater, they provide a free source of water for lawns, gardens and other outdoor uses, lessening reliance on treated municipal water. This also helps reduce the amount of runoff that can carry pollutants into our waterways.



Water Conservation:

- **Reduces water bills:**

Rainwater is free, so using it for watering your lawn and garden reduces your water consumption and lowers your water bill.

- **Conserves a valuable resource:**

Rainwater is a precious, natural resource. Using rain barrels helps to conserve this resource, especially in areas with water restrictions or drought.

- **Provides an alternative water source:**

Rain barrels provide a readily available source of water, especially during dry spells, ensuring your plants have access to water when they need it.

Environmental Benefits:

- **Reduces stormwater runoff:**

Rain barrels capture rainwater that would otherwise contribute to stormwater runoff, which can carry pollutants into our rivers, lakes, and streams.

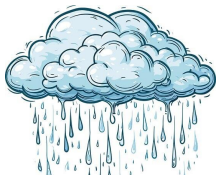
- **Reduces non-point source pollution:**

By capturing runoff, rain barrels reduce the amount of pollutants (like fertilizers, pesticides, and oil) that can contaminate our waterways.

- **Helps prevent flooding:**
In areas prone to heavy rainfall, rain barrels can help reduce the risk of localized flooding by capturing and storing excess water.

- **Improves soil health:**
Rainwater is often better for plants than tap water because it's free of chlorine and other chemicals, and it can help improve soil health by replenishing groundwater, according to the University of Minnesota Extension.

- **Reduces erosion:**
By reducing runoff, rain barrels can also help to reduce soil erosion on your property.



Other Benefits:

- **Cost-effective solution:**
Rain barrels are relatively inexpensive to purchase or build, and they can save you money on your water bill over time.

- **Educational opportunity:**
Rain barrels can be a great way to educate yourself and others about water conservation and the importance of protecting our water resources.

- **Can be aesthetically pleasing:**
Rain barrels are available in various styles and colors, allowing you to choose one that complements your landscape. Plus you can paint and decorate it any way you choose.