

## **RAIN BARRELS**

*Are your water bills too high?  
Do watering restrictions frustrate you? Are you becoming ecologically minded?*

### **RAIN BARRELS CAN HELP!**

**What is a Rain Barrel?** A Rain Barrel is designed to collect and store water from your rooftop. This water would normally flow through your downspout, onto a paved surface, and into a storm drain.

### **Why use a Rain Barrel?**

- ❖ A Rain Barrel saves you money by decreasing your water bill. A Rain Barrel can save approximately 1,300 gallons of water during peak summer months.
- ❖ A Rain Barrel minimizes impact on the municipal water supply by reducing the amount of potable water used for watering gardens and lawns
- ❖ A Rain Barrel minimizes impact on local streams, ponds, and storm sewers by reducing the stormwater runoff which contains pollutants like sediment, oil, grease and bacteria.

### **How Many ways are there to use the collected water?**

- ❖ Water gardens and landscape – Rainwater is better for your plants as it does not contain calcium, lime, chlorine, or fluoride, and it contains fewer dissolved salts!
- ❖ Wash your cars, garden tools, garden furniture, shoes, lawnmowers, barbeques, etc...
- ❖ Fill your Birdbaths!

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