

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!

Rain Barrels are available for purchase at several Darien businesses including True Value at Brookhaven Plaza, as well as Home Depot and Walmart at Darien Town Center.

Rain Barrels are also available thru the Conservation Foundation.

Visit their website at www.theconservationfoundation.org or phone them at 630-428-0687.