About Us:

The City of Cleveland Office of Sustainability was established in May 2005 to help the City save money and reduce its ecological footprint.

For General Rain Barrel Information:

Rain Barrel Guide: www.rainbarrelguide.com

Duluth Streams Rain Barrel Tool-Kit:

www.duluthstreams.org/stormwater/toolkit/rainbarrels

For Buying or Constructing a Rain Barrel:

Guide for creating your own rain barrel: www.cbf.org

Companies that sell downspout diverters and easy-assembly rain barrels:

Blue Water Ohio (OH): www.bluewaterohio.com

Garden WaterSaver (Canada): www.gardenwatersaver.com

Aaron's Rain Barrels (MA): www.rain-barrel.net/rainwater-tank

Catch the Rain (TX): www.catchtherain.com

Aquabarrel (MD): www.aquabarrel.com Gardener's (VT): www.gardeners.com

For Local Resources:

City of Cleveland Division of Water: www.clevelandwater.com

City of Cleveland Division of Water Pollution Control: www.clevelandwpc.com

Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District: www.cuyahogaswcd.org

Nature Center at Shaker Lakes: www.shakerlakes.org

GreenCityBlueLake: www.gcbl.org

Chagrin River Watershed Partners: www.crwp.org

Cleveland Botanical Garden: www.cbgarden.org











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OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

RAIN BARRELS:

Because a Drop Adds Up!

1201 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114 216-664-2444 Building a Green City on a Blue Lake, Making Cleveland a City of Choice.

Why Rain Barrels?

Up to 40% of summer water use is irrigation. Reduce your household water needs by saving rain! You can collect an average of 2100 gallons of water in your rain barrel each month during the spring and summer!

Think Green. Live Green. Save Green.



What is a "Rain Barrel?"

The barrel itself is a large plastic container that connects to a downspout from a roof and has a spigot at the bottom to which a hose can be attached. The barrels are specially constructed to keep out mosquitoes. The collected water should not be used for drinking.





Save the Environment! Save Money!

Choosing rain barrels is a great decision because it benefits you and the environment. You can irrigate your lawn using water from your rain barrel, which reduces your water bills and decreases maintenance costs. Additionally, rain barrels reduce sewer system overflow, preventing untreated sewage from entering our streams and Lake Erie.

Construction and Maintenance

Pre-made rain barrels can cost around \$100 or you can find simple instructions online for making your own for around \$25. Rain barrels should be disconnected from the downspout during the winter to prevent freezing and should be checked throughout the season to make sure the hoses are well attached.

You May Need a Permit for Your Rain Barrel (or Not!)

Permits from the City of Cleveland Building and Housing department are needed for rain barrels that will disconnect the downspout and permanently divert the water to a system on their property. Permits are not required if the rain barrel has a temporary diverter system or if it is connected to a building (like a garage or shed) that is not attached to your house.