

Residential irrigation can account for 40% of domestic water consumption in a given municipality. Rain barrels not only store water, they help decrease demand during the sweltering summer months. Collection of water from rooftop runoff can provide an ample supply of this free “soft water” containing no chlorine, lime or calcium. Because it tends to have fewer sediments and dissolved salts than municipal water, rain water is ideal for a multitude of applications including biodynamic and organic vegetable gardens, indoor tropicals like ferns and orchids, automobile washing, and cleaning household windows



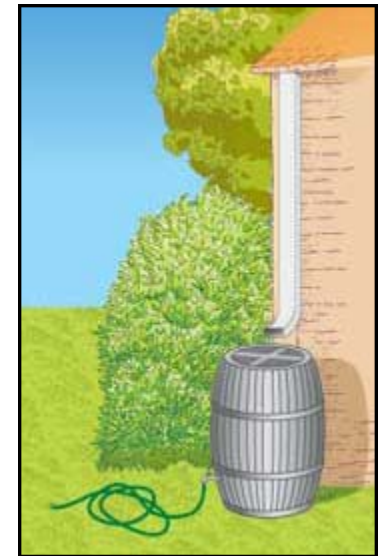
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Rain Barrel Brochure



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How to Purchase a Rain Barrel

Waltham residents who are interested in purchasing a rain barrel can call New England Rain Barrel toll free at 1-877-977-3135 or to order on line go to

www.nerainbarrel.com.

Harvesting rain water is as simple as placing a rain barrel under a roof gutter downspout.

The Commercially designed rain barrels feature childproof and pet proof lids, mosquito screen, overflow hardware, spigots for attaching hoses, and the ability to link multiple barrels together.



Benefits of Diverting Water from the Downspout:

- *Saves money by lowering your water bill*
- *Reduces the volume of water flowing to the sewer treatment facility*
- *Lowers percentage of roof top rainfall as a component of urban runoff*
- *Backup source of water during times of drought or between rain showers*
- *Helps to keep our creeks and beaches clean*
- *Naturally softened water is great for delicate house plants and garden*
- *Chlorine free water helps maintain a healthy biotic community in the soil*
- *Education tool for teaching residents about water conservation.*

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Only 1/4 inch of rainfall runoff from the average roof will completely fill the typical rain barrel