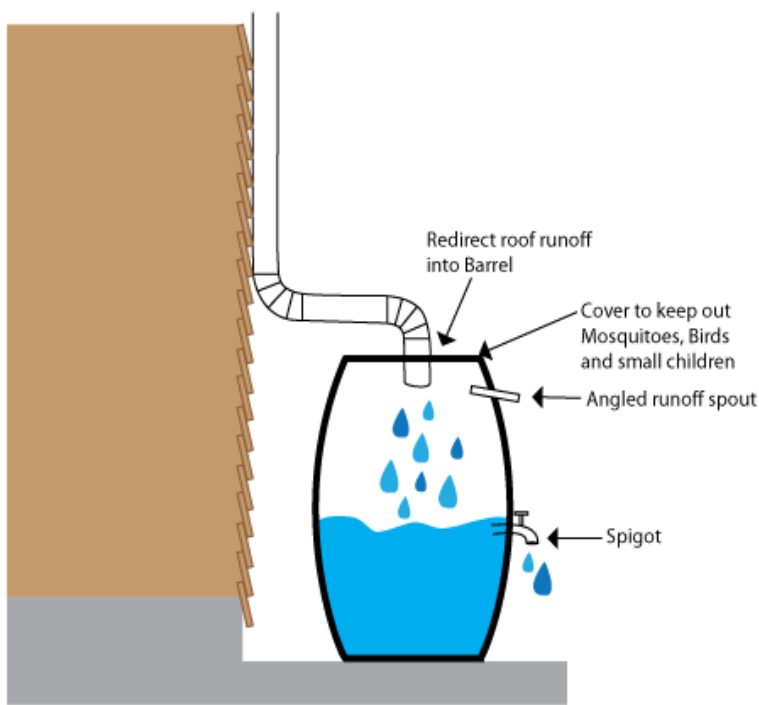




# Rain Barrels

*Installing rain barrels lets you collect rainwater to use for watering your plants or washing your car*



If you are interested in purchasing a discounted rain barrel, or if you would like to learn more about the uses and benefits of rain barrels, please visit:

<http://soilwater.nhcgov.com/programs/rain-barrels/>

**Have you installed rain barrels? Be counted!**

**Fill out our Creek Counter Form at:**

<http://www.healourwaterways.org/get-started-now/>

## How does it work?

Rain barrels allow you to capture and store rainwater from your roof, before it becomes polluted runoff. Rain barrels come in all shapes and sizes, but typically hold between 50-80 gallons of rain water.

## Where should rain barrels be installed?

Rain barrels should be installed under a roof gutter downspout. Downspouts can be easily modified with flexible gutter extensions to accommodate a rain barrel. Raise up your rain barrel with blocks or a platform to create better water pressure for watering.

## How do I maintain my rain barrels?

- Keep screens on the lid of your rain barrel to prevent mosquitoes from moving in
- Periodically remove leaves, pine needles, and other debris from the top of the rain barrel.
- Use it up! Make sure to use the water in your barrel to water your landscape or even wash your car. If you can't use it all, then let the remaining water run out of the barrel slowly. It will seep into the ground, preventing runoff, and making room for the next rain.

