



Waukesha Water Utility
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RAIN BARREL \$20 REBATE



- ◆ Saves most homeowners about 1,300 gallons of water during the summer.
- ◆ Naturally soft, chlorine-free water is great for watering plants and washing windows or cars.

TIPS FOR INSTALLATION & USE

- Rain barrels must be installed in the Waukesha Water Utility's service area.
 - Renters may be eligible to participate with the written consent of the property owner.
 - Qualifying barrels must be newly purchased, a minimum size of 50 gallons, and designed for the intended purpose of rain capture.
 - Homemade rain barrels do not qualify for the rebate.
 - Rain barrels must have a secure lid for child safety; and rust-proof screening or sealed designs over the top and on the overflow spigot for mosquito, rodent, and debris control.
 - Rain barrels must not be connected to the (potable water) irrigation system.
 - The original purchase receipt, that includes the purchase amount and barrel size, must be submitted within 90 days of purchase.
 - Post-installation pictures must be included with the application.
 - Maximum of 2 rain barrels allowed per address.
 - Rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to the availability of funds.
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- ◆ **Raise the barrel up on cinder blocks to increase pressure.** (But make sure the barrel is on a level, firm surface to prevent the barrel from falling over – a full 55 gal. barrel weighs over 400 lbs.)
 - ◆ **Make sure the overflow from the barrel is directed away from your house.**
 - ◆ **Disconnect the barrel in the winter and turn it upside down or take it inside.** If your downspout has been cut off for the rain barrel, be sure to add an extension hose for the winter.
 - ◆ **Enclose the top of the barrel, where the water enters the barrel, with a tight-fitting, fine-mesh screen to prevent a nesting site for mosquitoes.**
 - ◆ **Do not drink the water from your rain barrel.** Water from your roof is not safe to drink, but is fine to water your yard. It is not recommended to water vegetable gardens with your rain barrel.
 - ◆ **Do not connect the rain barrel to your sprinkler systems or put the hose, which is connected to your house, into the rain barrel, as unintended suction can contaminate the water in your home.** (The best way to prevent this is to only hook a garden hose, or isolated drip irrigation system, to the outlet of your barrel and water your landscape directly.)



WAUKESHA WATER UTILITY
\$20 RAIN BARREL REBATE APPLICATION

Name: _____ Owner Occupant Account Number: _____

Service Address (Where rain barrel is installed ~ **must** be installed in the Waukesha Water Utility service area): _____

Mail Rebate to this Address: _____

Phone (Day): _____ Phone (Evening): _____ Email Address: _____

How Did You Hear About the Rain Barrel Rebate Program?: _____

Number of Rain Barrels at this Address: _____ Number of Rain Barrels for this Rebate Application: _____

Date of Purchase: _____ Store/Place Where Purchased From: _____ Purchased Price: _____

Type of Barrel: _____ Capacity (Gallons): _____ Date Installed: _____
(Brand/Make) (Model Number)

If you are the renter, is the required written consent of the property owner attached: Yes No Or, not required, I am the Property Owner:

Is the required photo attached showing the installed Rain Barrel (on a level, firm surface, under the downspout, with a secure lid): Yes No

Is the required **original** purchase receipt attached: Yes No

I have read the rain barrel rebate program qualifications, along with the tips for installing and using the rain barrel (on the back of this brochure).
I have all the necessary paperwork and photos attached, and agree to a possible site visit by the Waukesha Water Utility for installation verification.

Signature _____ Date _____