



# RAIN BARRELS



## What are Rain Barrels?

Rain barrels are simply a storage tank for temporarily holding storm water. Rainwater from your roof is diverted into a barrel that is connected to your downspouts and is then stored for later use – such as for watering plants. By using a rain barrel not only are you conserving your household water use, but you are also using the free water from the sky that can save you money.

## What are the Benefits?

- Simple to install, suitable for all household property size & locations
- Stores relatively clean (and unchlorinated) water for use on lawns & gardens – decreasing use of treated potable water
- Can reduce domestic water use, lowering water bills and demands on the town's water system, especially during peak summer periods
- If used and maintained properly there can be a reduction of 65–70% of water runoff on your property



## A Few Tips

- Select a barrel that can hold most of the rain that comes off your roof
- Install the rain barrel on a strong, level surface like a patio or paving stone
- By keeping the barrel slightly elevated, a hose can use gravity to feed water to a garden or lawn
- Ensure that your barrel is vector/mosquito proof, to limit the mosquito-breeding
- Rain water collected in your barrel is ideal for watering your garden, but not recommended as drinking water

## Did you know??

During the summer months the average household uses 50% of its water just for outdoor activities, like watering the lawn.

AND that a running hose can discharge up to **35L a minute!** That's about 1/2 of the water used in a typical 12-minute shower.

**Thank you for participating in water conservation initiatives and for doing your part in making the Town of Arnprior a more environmentally conscious community!**

