

CONSERVE WATER... USE RAIN

What is a rain barrel?

A rain barrel is a system that collects and stores rainwater from your roof that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains and streams. A rain barrel can sit under any residential gutter downspout. They are available at many home improvement and hardware stores, or they can be easily and inexpensively constructed at home.

What are the advantages of a rain barrel?

A rain barrel allows you to capture water during rainfall so it can be used to irrigate plants during dry periods. By watering with rainwater instead of highly-treated drinking water, you can save money and help conserve our water resources.

Rain barrels also help reduce the impact of excessive storm-water runoff on our rivers and streams by decreasing the amount of water flowing into our storm drains.

Attend a workshop held by Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources, or one of our partners, to learn about the benefits of owning a rain barrel, and learn how to install it:

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To see an instructional video on how to assemble your rain barrel, please visit:
Chattahoochee Riverkeeper Rain Barrel Installation Demo: <http://vimeo.com/52017874>

For more information about water conservation, visit www.DWRConserve.com

