Order your free rain barrels today!

Call 708.891.8116 to place your order.

Free delivery
55-gallon capacity
Available in four colors



Includes flexible connecting elbow, linking hose and detailed instructions

You can make a difference to help improve water quality, prevent flooding and save on your water bill!

Disconnecting your downspouts and installing rain barrels will keep clean water out of the sewer system and provide you with a source of free water.

The city of Calumet City is happy to offer free rain barrels to residents. If your home meets the requirements (see inside) call 708.891.8116 to place your order.

This rain barrel program is a cooperative effort by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and participating communities.

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Rain barrels are now available **for free** to qualified households.

Rain Barrel GUIDE



A smart idea

Rain barrels capture rainwater from your roof and save it for when you need it. By keeping this water out of the sewer system, they can also help prevent sewer overflows and flooding.

You can use rain barrel water to wash your car, water your lawn, or clean work boots and tools. Rain barrel water is naturally free of chlorine, lime, and calcium and some gardeners swear their plants prefer it. However, since rain barrel water is runoff from your roof, do not drink it!

A part of any yard

Most homes can benefit from several rain barrels. If you have areas of unpaved, pervious ground near your downspouts, rain barrels should work in your yard. Homeowners throughout Cook County have incorporated rain barrels into their yards with great results.

Green and upcycled

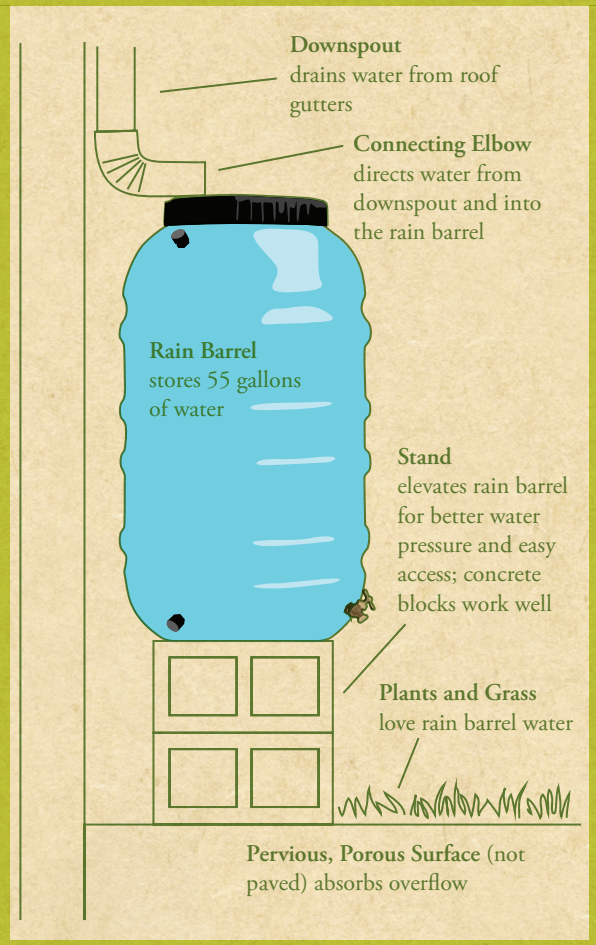
Rain barrels are a type of green infrastructure, a new approach to managing stormwater by keeping rain on the property and out of the sewer system.

Our rain barrels are also made using repurposed, or upcycled, food barrels so they are doubly green.

Easy to install, easy to use

Installing a rain barrel is easy and only requires a few tools. A connecting elbow and detailed instructions are provided with all rain barrels. Once it is connected, you just need to wait for rain and your barrel will be ready to use.

A rain barrel at work



Requirements to receive free rain barrels

In order to qualify to receive free rain barrels, you must meet a few requirements:

- live within a community that is participating in the rain barrel program;
- own property with downspouts that are directly connected to the sanitary sewer system;
- agree to disconnect all of your downspouts and place rain barrels on each downspout, where feasible; and,
- agree to properly use and maintain your rain barrels.

Don't meet the requirements? Don't worry!

All Cook County residents are eligible to purchase low-cost rain barrels from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. Visit mwrd.org to place your order.

