

How to Order

- ◆ Rain Barrels are on sale during the month of February and March 2018. Orders will be accepted via telephone or in person during regular business hours (8:30-5:00 P.M.) You must pre-pay upon ordering. Only cash or check will be accepted. You will be given a specific date and time frame in which to pick up your rain barrel. (See order form.)
- ◆ All payments and orders are due by March 29, 2018 for the initial event and by April 30, 2018 for the second event.
- ◆ If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Environmental Affairs/Green Urbanism at (219) 882-3000. Thank you.
- ◆ Note: The rain barrels are black or terra cotta without design.

Automatic diverter for connecting Rain Barrel to downspout is available in sizes to fit a 2x3 inch or a 3x4 inch downspout. Hose is provided.



Disclaimer

With proper installation, maintenance and use, your rain barrel should function properly. The City of Gary assumes no liability for the installation, maintenance, property damage or injury associated with your rain barrel.

All of the plastic rain barrels are made from re-cycled food grade barrels. The rain barrels have a screw on top with one inch holes, screen mesh to keep out debris and mosquitoes, an overflow male hose connection, a drain valve and a connection to attach additional barrels.



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Rain Barrel Sale



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.

What are the Advantages of a Rain Barrel?

It Saves You Money

A rain barrel will save most homeowners about 1,300 gallons of water during the peak summer months. Saving water not only helps protect the environment, it saves you money and energy (decreased demand for treated tap water).

Helps Reduce Stormwater Pollution

Rainwater stored in rain barrels helps reduce the amount of stormwater runoff and the amount of pollutants that are picked up and carried to storm sewers, creeks and rivers.

Conserves Water Supply Resources

Lawn and garden watering make up nearly 40% of total household water use during the summer. Rainwater used from rain barrels helps reduce the amount of water used from underground aquifers.

Better for Plants and Gardens

Rainwater stored in rain barrels is a naturally soft water and devoid of minerals, chlorine, fluoride, and other chemicals. For this reason, plants respond very well to rainwater. After all, it's what plants in the wild thrive on!

Helps Inform Your Neighbors

One of the best reasons to start harvesting rainwater with rain barrels is to teach and encourage others to do the same, You will help to spread the culture of rainwater collection and in turn, help your larger community and the environment.

Rain Barrel Instructions

- ◆ It is a good idea to put your barrel up on a flat, stable platform (concrete blocks, landscaping blocks or other solid support). The added height increases the water pressure and allows you to put a bucket under the spigot to bring water to your indoor plants. A full 55 gallon rain barrel weighs over 450 pounds.
- ◆ Install an overflow hose to direct water away from your house foundation for times of high rainfall.
- ◆ Locate and install your rain barrel to keep kids safe. Keep your rain barrel lid tight at all times to prevent children, animals and insects from entering or falling in.
- ◆ Measure and cut the downspout. Use the existing elbow or a flexible spout attachment to direct the water to the top of the barrel. The end of the downspout should be cut 6-8 inches above the top of the barrel. Downspouts can be cut with a hacksaw. Flexible spouts can be purchased at hardware stores or home centers.
- ◆ In the Fall, you need to empty your rain barrel and then leave the valve (spigot) open. Remove the cap on the lower fitting. Leave the barrel in place and in the Spring just close the valve and install the cap.
- ◆ Diverters are available that can easily switch the downspout from filling the barrel to normal operation once the barrel is full.

Using Rain Barrel Water

- ◆ Water your flowers, trees, shrubs, and lawn
- ◆ Wash your car; rinse tools or muddy boots.
- ◆ Do not drink water from your rain barrel.
- ◆ Do not cook or bathe with water from your rain barrel.

Order Form

Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____
Email: _____

Item	Color	Qty	Total
Rain Barrel 55 Gallon Drum Available in Black, or- Terra-Cotta. Wooden Pedestal, Diverter and Linking Hose included.			
Total Cost Per Barrel with accessories:			\$55.00

PICK UP DATES

Day 1 Friday, **April 6, 2018** at Environmental Affairs, 839 Broadway, Parking Lot Area. Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Day 2 Saturday **May 5, 2018** at the Hudson Campbell Center, 455 Massachusetts St., Parking Lot Area. Time: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

- ◆ **Make all checks payable to:
Gary Stormwater Management
District**

Ordering and payment instructions are on the back page.