

RAIN BARREL BENEFITS

Save

Conserve water, reduce demand for treated tap water, and save money by lowering your monthly bill. A rain barrel can save over 1,000 gallons of water during peak summer months.

Happier Plants

Rainwater is free of the additives (e.g., chlorine and fluoride) in tap water that plants don't need or want. Rainwater is also slightly acidic, helping plants access soil nutrients. If your city restricts watering during times of dry weather, it may be the only way to avoid having your garden wilt. The water stored in a rain barrel can be used to water lawns and gardens either with a traditional hose, soaker hose, or with a watering can.

Building Protection

Control moisture levels around the foundation of buildings.

Flexibility

As water storage needs change, the number of barrels in a system can follow suit.

Reduced Stormwater Runoff

Rain barrels can divert a limited amount of stormwater from roofs, reducing strains on urban streams and storm sewer systems. Water and pollutants that go down a storm drain in the street go directly to the Red River, not to a waste water treatment facility. If stored water will not be used for plants or a lawn, slowly release stored water by allowing it to drain through the lower opening. Attach a hose to direct the water where you want it to flow. Make sure your barrel is empty or lowered enough to capture the maximum amount of water expected with each rain event.

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SUPPORTERS



RAIN BARRELS: Basic Information, Workshops & For Sale



FOR SALE

Assembled Rain Barrel - \$85 \$75 (Seasonally Available)

White 55 gallon used food grade barrel



Rain Barrel Kit - \$35 (Seasonally Available)

- Flexi-Fit Diverter
- 3-piece Hole Saw Set
- Spigot and threaded Rubber Seal
- Fill Hoes and Rubber Seal
- "Do Not Drink This Water" Sticker
- Installation Screws
- Installation Instructions

Barrel - \$30 (Seasonally Available)

- 55-gallon used food grade barrel in blue or white

To buy an assembled rain barrel, hardware kit and/or barrel, or for more information, contact Kimberly: kimberly@riverkeepers.org or 701.356.8915.

EQUIPMENT

An assembled rain barrel requires a hand drill to complete the attachment to the downspout.

Tools required for assembly of the Rain Barrel Kit include safety glasses, safety gloves, drill, Phillips screwdriver, and a barrel.

Orders must be placed by e-mailing or calling River Keepers. Orders will usually be ready for pick-up three days after the order is placed. Usually, the order must be picked up during normal working hours of 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. but if necessary, other arrangements can be made.

Maintenance

Don't use the barrel in the winter to avoid ice damage. Drain the barrel, remove the inlet hose, remove Flex-Fit Diverter and leave all faucets open before freezing weather.



"Everything was exactly right, the plants inside and outside bloomed like they never have before! It was outstanding," said a 2017 Make Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop participant.

MAKE YOUR OWN RAIN BARREL WORKSHOPS

Save money on your water bill and help protect the Red River's water quality by making your own rain barrel!



2020 Workshops

Make and Paint, May 5 & 12, 2020, 6:00-8:00PM

West Fargo

Fee: \$74 (for both days, includes supplies)

June 10, 2020, 6:00-8:00PM

At a Moorhead Park

Fee: \$59 (includes supplies)

July 14, 2020, 6:00-8:00PM

At a Fargo Park

Fee: \$59 (includes supplies)

Cass and Clay County residents may be eligible for partial reimbursement of fee; information will be available upon completion of the workshop.

Come prepared to carry home an empty 55-gallon barrel.

To register: Contact Moorhead Community Education at <https://www.moorheadschoools.org/schools/alternative-schools/community-education/> or call 218.284.3400.