

# RAIN BARRELS

Rain is a naturally soft water and devoid of minerals, chlorine, fluoride, and other chemicals. You can collect a surprisingly large amount of rainwater from the gutters of your home and garage with one or more rain barrels.

Instead of letting the water run down your driveway and into a storm drain, why not collect it and use it to water your trees, shrubs, gardens and potted plants!

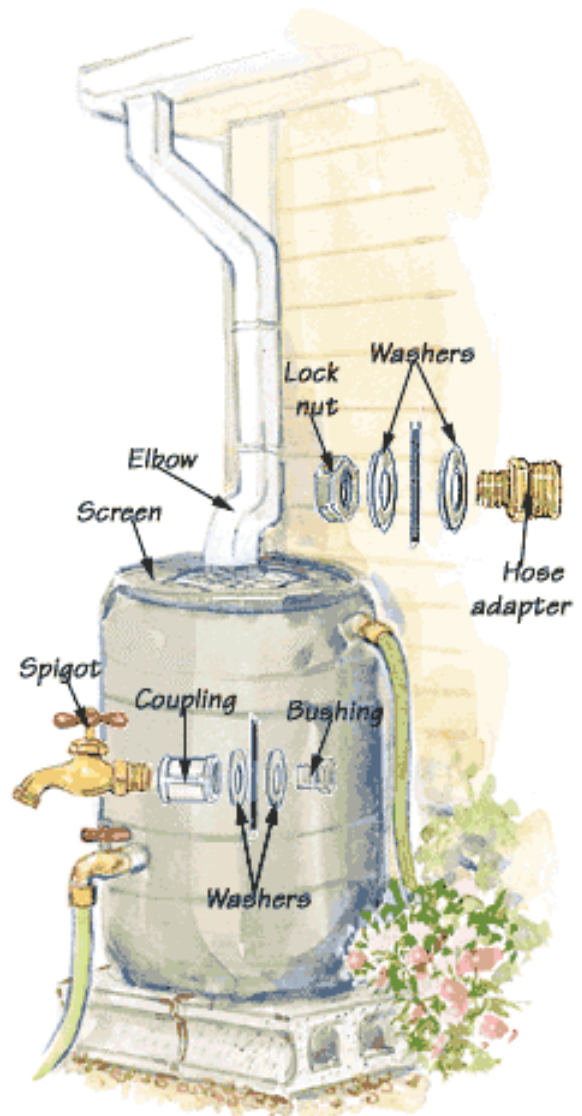
## Rain Barrel Suppliers

More information on collecting rainwater, barrels and supplies can be found at the following locations;

Kala's Home Hardware  
1380 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, St. Catharines, Ontario  
phone: 905-688-5520 - Plastic rain barrel (160L)  
\$89.99 to \$129.99 Oasis (167L) rain barrel  
\$159.99

Canadian Tire  
459 Welland Avenue, St. Catharines, Ontario  
phone: 905-688-0488 - Plastic (205L) rain barrel  
\$89.99

Home Depot  
20 YMCA Drive, St. Catharines, Ontario  
phone: 905-937-5900 - Plastic rain barrel \$74.94



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## The Benefits Of Using A Rain Barrel

The water collected from a rain barrel is great for plants since it is chlorine free and low in calcium, making the water softer.

Using a rain barrel also helps to reduce the demand on municipal water systems and water treatment facilities.

Rain barrels help reduce storm water pollution. By keeping the water out of the storm sewers, you can help reduce the amount of pollutants such as bacteria, oils, grease, toxic metals and sediments from getting into local waterways and polluting our beaches.

By using collected water instead of clean municipal water to water your garden, you can save money by lowering your water bill.

Even when there are water restrictions or bans, you can still keep your lawn green with water collected from your rain barrel.

## Rain Barrels: Old Technology That Helps Today's Environmental Problems

- Install rain barrels away from your foundation.
- Install rain barrels on level ground.
- Secure a screen on the top of the rain barrel in order to keep insects, debris and small animals out.
- Empty and disconnect your rain barrel in winter.



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