

Rain Barrel Installation and Maintenance Guide



- Place concrete blocks where you decide to install your Rain Barrel. Check for level placement.
- The higher the barrel is off the ground, the more water pressure you will get out of the hose that you connect to the bottom faucet on the Rain Barrel.
- Place your Rain Barrel on the blocks.



- Determine where your downspout will connect to the Rain Barrel. Don't forget to account for any attachments needed, especially if you have a round downspout going into the square barrel insert.
- Mark the downspout where you need to cut it.



- **CAREFULLY** cut your downspout with a hacksaw.
- Save the portion of the downspout that you cut off. You may need it for future use.
- Remove the 45 deg. bend section from the portion removed, it will be needed later.



- Connect bend section to the downspout and cut the downspout extension to fit.
- Direct downspout extension towards rain barrel inlet.
- Connect hose to overflow outlet, 1 ¼" sump pump hose needed, approximately a 5' length.



Winterizing

- To prevent the barrel from cracking in the winter, take it inside or turn it upside down to keep water out.
- Make sure the downspout is reconnected to temporary tubing to move rain or melting snow away from the foundation.
- Downspouts or tubing should extend at least 6 to 10 feet away from the house.

Maintenance

- Maintenance of the rain barrels is minimal and consists only of regular inspection of the unit as a whole or its parts.
- Inlet- Inspect that no debris is plugging inlet.
- Barrel- Inspect the barrel for cracks.
- Overflow pipe- Inspect to check that overflow is draining effectively.
- Spigot- Inspect to ensure that it is functioning correctly.
- Keep screened to keep out bugs and kids

