



Catch Rainwater From Your Roof!

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

Q: What materials do I need to make a rain barrel?

A: A fifty-gallon plastic barrel and a Flexifit Diverter Kit.

Q: What materials do I need to prepare my barrel?

A: Cleaning Supplies (bucket, distilled white vinegar, sponge & adhesive remover), sandpaper/block, razor scraper, plastic tarp. Preparation supplies also include a measuring tape, a permanent marker, and a drill with a hole saw attachment.

Q: What should I wear for protective gear while making my rain barrel?

A: If you have it, we recommend wearing plastic gloves, a face mask, and eye protection.

Q: What are the best steps to follow when cleaning the barrel?

A: Lay down a tarp to collect materials from prep, unscrew the cap, add water to $\frac{1}{4}$ of the barrel and 1-2 cups of water, dispose of water properly.

Q: Why are we sanding the barrel and removing stickers?

A: The removal of adhesive stickers and sanding down the surface prepare the barrel for painting.

Q: Why are we painting the barrel?

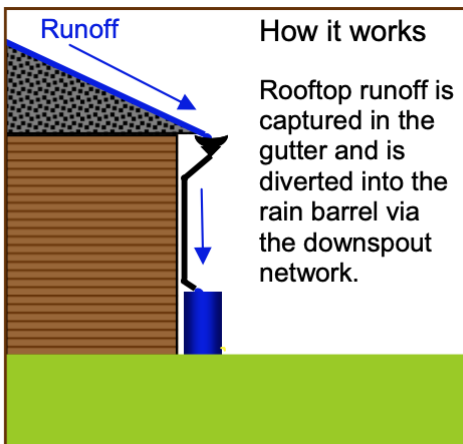
A: Painting a barrel a dark color prevents algae growth on the interior as it sits outside in the sun.

Q: Where do I put my rain barrel on my property? What should I consider?

A: You should consider which downspout drains the most water, that would collect the most water.

Q: Do I need to elevate my barrel on cinder blocks?

A: No you do not need to. Although they do elevate the barrel, it is easier to get to the spicket to attach a hose/container, etc.



Please see the following websites or QR code to watch the video to build your rain barrel and sign up for a rain barrel workshop!

<https://youtu.be/lcmfa6-5EM>

<https://www.easternriconservation.org/residential-rain-barrels>

