

RAIN BARRELS

Rain barrels capture and store the rainwater running off a rooftop. The harvested rainwater can be stored for later use, released slowly over time, or be used immediately for watering lawns and landscaped areas, or washing cars.

RiverSmart Homes offers two types of rain barrels for installation: RainGrid's RiverSides rain barrel and Stormworks' Hydra rain barrel. These barrels are enclosed to eliminate the chance for mosquitoes to breed and have an overflow mechanism to move excess water away from the foundation of your house. If you are interested in installing a different rain barrel, please see information about the Rain Barrel Rebate Program on the back.



RainGrid RiverSides: \$50 Co-pay

- 132-gallon capacity
- Made with recycled plastic & UV-treated to resist fading, warping, and cracks
- Includes spigot and 30-foot soaker hose
- Diverter box to bypass or collect rainwater depending on season/need
- Weighs approximately 35 lbs. when empty

StormWorks Hydra: \$70 Co-pay

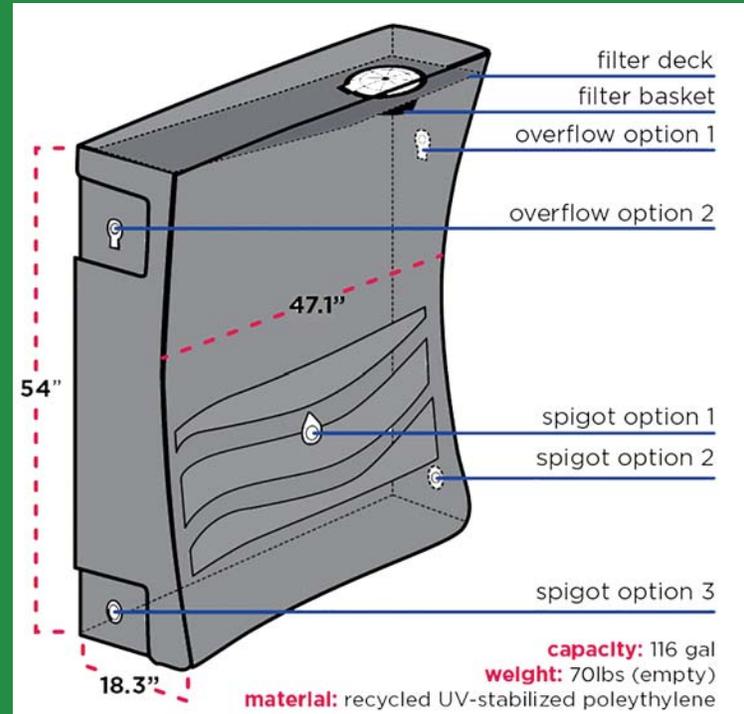
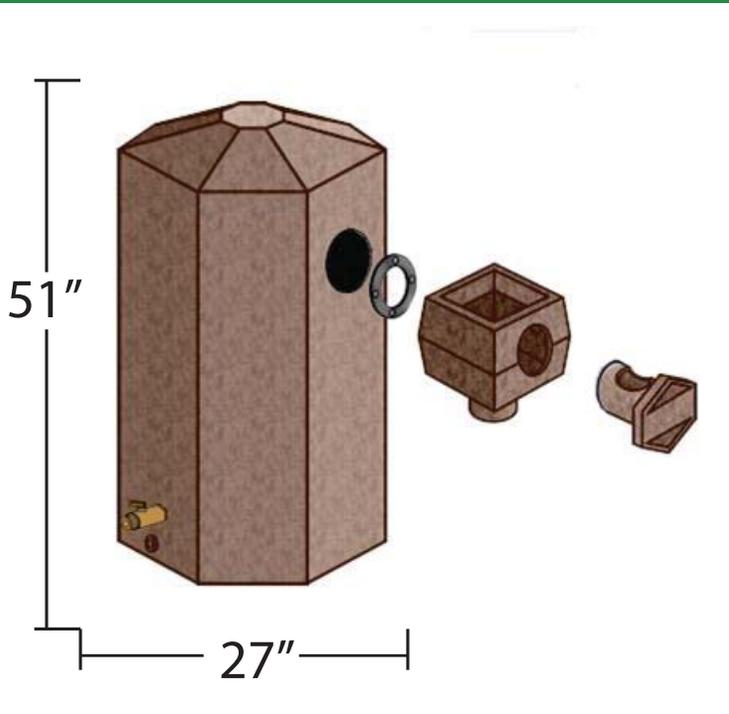
- 116-gallon capacity
- UV-treated to resist fading, warping, and cracks
- Includes spigot and 30-foot soaker hose
- Automatic overflow connection
- Manual diverter to bypass or collect rainwater depending on season/need
- Weighs approximately 58 lbs. when empty

The co-payment is \$50 or \$70 per rain barrel (limit two per property).

Maintaining your Rain Barrel

1. Drain barrel between rainstorms to maximize capture
2. Rinse filter to reduce clogging
3. Empty barrel, bypass the barrel, and leave spigot open to winterize barrel

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Next Steps

If you are interested in a rain barrel, please do the following:

1. Become eligible for a rain barrels through a RiverSmart Homes audit
2. If you are eligible, let your auditor know you want rain barrel(s) installed
3. Make the co-payment for your rain barrel(s) and have them installed
4. Maintain your rain barrel

Interested in more than two rain barrels?

Rebates are available for homeowners who purchase and self-install eligible rain barrels. Rebates are issued as a direct reimbursement calculated at a rate of \$2 per gallon stored by the rain barrel or cistern. Rebates can be used in combination with RiverSmart Homes funding.

The minimum volume required is 50 gallons, which would provide a \$100 rebate. Rebates may not exceed \$1,000 per property. The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay administers rain barrel rebates on behalf of DOEE.

Visit doee.dc.gov/rainbarrelrebates to review the Homeowner Guide and Rebate Application.

