Weekly Maintenance
RiverSides

Drain the barrel
to prevent shifting and to maximize the amount of water collected during each rain event**.**

Check connections
at the “inlet” (where the down spout connects to the rain barrel) and the “overflow” (the tubing that directs water away from the barrel once it is full).

Clean the filter
Remove the rotating cylinder and push the filter sock into the cylinder then empty the collected sediment through the hole in the cylinder.

For more information visit RiverSmart Homes at: doee.dc.gov/service/riversmart-home -rain-barrels
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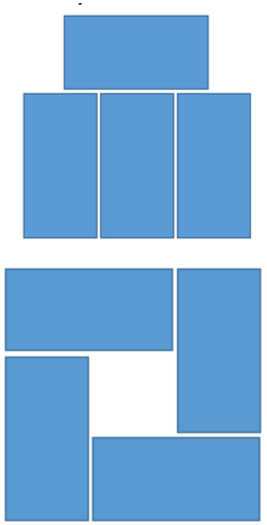
Spring Maintenance
RiverSides

Clean out the gutters
to prevent roof and lead sediment from building up in the downspout or filter

Set the diverter to collect
to start capturing water in your rain barrel.

Level the base
to prevent barrel from tipping over and encourage water pressure.
*Be sure to place the smooth side of the cinder block in contact with the barrel and the barrel is centered on the base with no overlapping as shown in the 3rd photo.



Incorrect install:
Barrel should be centered on cinder blocks

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Weekly Maintenance
Hydra

Drain the barrel
to prevent shifting and to maximize the amount of water collected during each rain event**.**

Check the overflow
tubing that directs water away from the barrel once it is full

Empty the basket
of accumulated sediment and clean inlet to prevent debris from entering the barrel.

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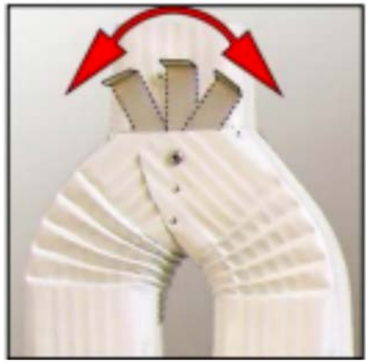
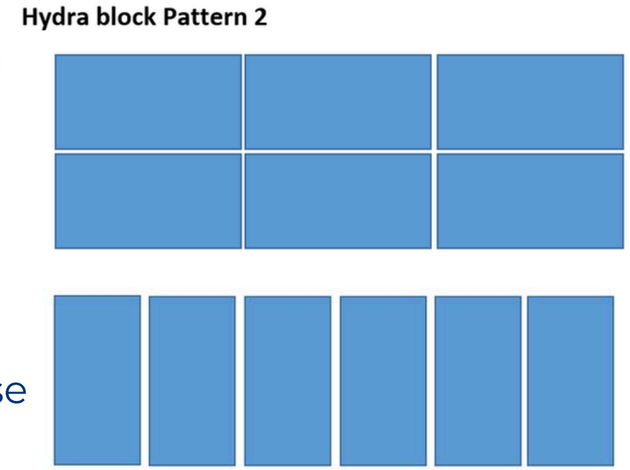
Spring Maintenance
Hydra

Clean out the gutters
to prevent roof and lead sediment from building up in the downspout or filter

Set the Y diverter to collect
by moving the toggle to the side that is directed to the barrel



Level the base
to prevent barrel from tipping over and encourage water pressure.
*Be sure to place the smooth side of the cinder block in contact with the barrel and lean the barrel again the house or patio to provide stability, shown in the 3rd photo.



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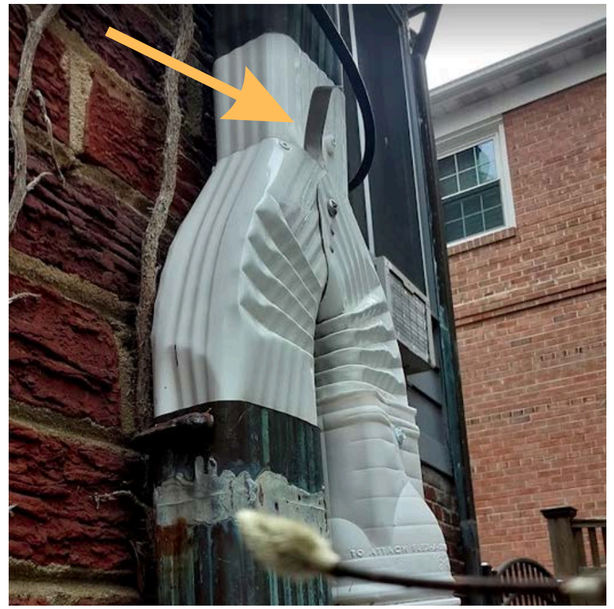
Winter Maintenance

Drain the barrel
Water that is collected has the potential to freeze, swell and cause the barrel to crack.

Set the diverter to bypass
to prevent water from collecting in the barrel.

*Hydra barrel's Y diverter- water will be directed to the side the toggle is on



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RiverSmart Homes Rain Barrel Resources

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- Rain Barrel Maintenance Video
- Rain Barrel Resource Manual
- RiverSmart Homes Rain Barrels
- RiverSmart Rewards
- Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

Rebate Program

- Rain Barrel Rebate Program
- Rain Barrel Rebate Guide
- Rain Barrel Installer List
- Rain Barrel Portal

Replacement Parts

RainGrid RiverSides Barrel

- Sock filter
- Diverter System
- RiverSides Rain Barrel

UpstreamPgh Hydra Barrel

- Replacement Kit
- Hydra Rain Barrel

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