

Rain Barrel



During the July 20, 2015 meeting of the village board, trustees approved a resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with Metropolitan Water Reclamation District to make rain barrels available to South Holland residents. The official program is expected to roll out in the very near future.

WHAT IS A RAIN BARREL?

A rain barrel is a type of water conservation tool used to capture rainwater from your roof and save it for when you need it to wash your car, water your lawn, or clean work boots and tools. Rain barrel water is naturally free of chlorine, lime, and calcium. However, since rain barrel water is runoff from your roof, never drink it!

WHERE SHOULD I PLACE THE RAIN BARREL?

Most homes can benefit from rain barrels. Areas of your yard that are unpaved or pervious ground near your downspouts are good locations for your rain barrels. Homeowners throughout Cook County have incorporated rain barrels into their yards with great results.

WHAT SIZE IS THE RAIN BARREL?

MWRD's rain barrels are 55-gallons and made using repurposed, or upcycled, food barrels.

ACQUIRING YOUR RAIN BARREL

Rain barrels will be free of charge for residents of municipalities currently enrolled in the MWRD's program. A village ordinance is currently under development. Additional details are expected to be released in a future edition of *South Holland TODAY*.

