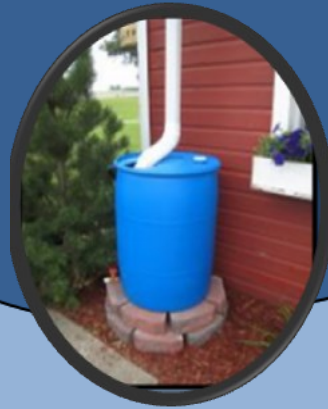


# Rain Barrel Order Form

## Fillmore County SWCD 2019



A rain barrel is a rainwater collection system that stores rooftop runoff for use later to water lawns and gardens.



Fill out the form below and mail or email it to the address shown below. Please indicate quantities and preference for LH or RH overflow. Full payment is due at pick-up.

### Your Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me by:  phone  email

### Mail, email or fax your completed order form to:

Fillmore SWCD  
 900 Washington St. NW  
 Preston, MN 55965  
 507-765-3878 ext. 3  
 aaren.mathison@fillmoreswcd.org

Rain barrels are offered on a first-come, first-served basis depending on availability and date we receive your order.

Rain barrels come unpainted...so be creative!

### Rain Barrel

\_\_\_\_\_ EZ Assemble DIY rain barrel: **\$40.00 each**

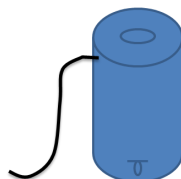
### Stand or Base (Optional)

\_\_\_\_\_ 12" x 24" x 24" treated stand: **\$30.00 each**

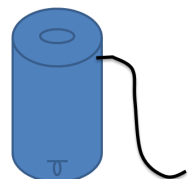
### Overflow Position

Left of the spigot

Right of the spigot



The position of your overflow depends on where you intend to put your barrel. The overflow should be directed away from your home's foundation



Total (tax included in the price):\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance owed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Office use: Date Rcvd: \_\_\_\_\_ Invoice # \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Order # \_\_\_\_\_

Cash: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Fillmore SWCD

# *Rain Barrel FAQ's*

***Plastic rain barrels are light-weight, durable and easy to use. They are a versatile and inexpensive way to "go green". Below are answers to some of the most common questions about rain barrels.***

## ***How much water will a typical rain barrel hold?***

Most plastic barrels are 55-gallon drums. After installing the hardware, you can usually store about 50 gallons in each one. It doesn't take long to fill a 55-gallon barrel. A home draining a 1000 ft<sup>2</sup> roof can produce 150 gallons of water in an average rainstorm. To maximize water storage, you can hook up more than one barrel together so when the first one is full, it spills into the next.

## ***Should I put my barrel on a base?***

A rain barrel will work without one, but if you need more water pressure, building a sturdy base is recommended. Keep in mind that one gallon of water weighs just over 8 pounds. Whatever you set it on or build needs to be strong enough to support the total weight of the barrel that is full with water (plan for a full weight of at least 400 pounds).

## ***How do I install the rain barrel?***

Your rain barrel needs to be near a downspout from a roof gutter system. Build or secure a base for the barrel before measuring the final height of the downspout. Cut off the downspout and attach an elbow or flexible extender so runoff flows directly over the rain barrel's inlet basket. Another option is to use a downspout diverter which allows you to either direct water into the barrel, or back into the downspout.

## ***Do I need to clean it out and how often?***

We recommend cleaning the inside of the barrel at least once per year. Algae or bacteria may grow in the barrels over time, especially if water is not drained out on a regular basis. Usually a hose and a wet cloth is all that's needed to wipe it out. A mild bleach rinse can be used when necessary; thoroughly rinse with clean water several times afterward.

## ***Can I leave my barrel outside in the winter?***

Barrels will last longer if they are brought inside during winter months before the first freeze. If you do leave it outside, it should be winterized and placed in a protected location. Be sure to drain all of the water out at the end of the season before the first hard freeze and cover.

## ***Do all the barrels look the same?***

All the barrels are similar, but there are usually subtle variations, such as the type of lid and the height and width dimensions. All of the rain barrels are recycled plastic drums with new hardware attachments.

## ***How can I paint or decorate a plastic barrel?***

Choose a paint that is formulated to bond to plastic. There are many colors, finishes and textures made for projects like this. If you use regular paint, lightly sand the barrel first and apply several coats. You can attach collage pictures, poster cut-outs or anything flat using utility glue. Apply a couple coats of spar polyurethane to help protect paint and other decorations. You can even glue glass and ceramic tiles to give your barrel a unique and creative look.