

How To Make A DIY Rain Barrel

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Steps

You will need:

1. 1 large barrel or garbage bin
2. 1 spout
3. A sharp knife

To assemble:



1. Set the barrel or garbage bin in the place where you can collect the most amount of rainwater runoff. Typically, this is at the base of a rain gutter.
2. Cut a hole in the lid of the barrel or garbage bin large enough to allow the water runoff to flow into the barrel or garbage bin.
3. Attach the spout to the bottom of the barrel.

Why this is useful

While water seems like a finite resource, it isn't always efficient to use water from a tap or hose. Rain is a natural resource that you can use to your advantage. While you can purchase various sizes and models of rain barrel, you can make your own in a few easy steps.

It might seem weird at first but setting up your own rain barrel at home ensures that you always have a supply of water. I recently read a book called "Not A Drop To Drink" by Mindy McGinnis and it takes place in a post apocalyptic world where water is a resource that is hard to come by. In the difficult times we are currently facing it is important to stay ahead of the game in case the world turns even more upside down.

It is a natural way for us to gather water that doesn't have to go through a treatment plant. However I would not recommend drinking this water straight from the barrel/bin due to impurities it may grab through the rain gutters etc. But this water is great for watering your beautiful gardens and grass patches, not to mention it might also save you a few dollars on your next bill.

Human water consumption has steadily increased over the years and Canada is one of the top consumers in the world. Rather than using our lakes and rivers, using fresh rainwater could help reduce the amount of water being pulled from those areas, it may not be a drastic change but one that may be necessary in the future

