



VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK

In an effort to best manage storm water and encourage sustainable actions, the Village offers a subsidized rain barrel program for its residents. Residents can purchase up to two 55-gallon rain barrels for just \$25 each at Village Hall. Rain barrels collect storm water runoff and store it until it can be used for watering. The spigot can attach to a garden hose, landscape tubing, or drip tubing. This eco-friendly solution conserves water, reduces your water bill, and reduces excess storm water that contributes to localized flooding. The barrels available are 23 inches in diameter, 35-38 inches tall, and made of high-density polyethylene. Please be prepared to transport the barrel home, as the Village does not deliver.

Once home, connect the rain barrel to the downspout. Allow the water to drain through the screen lid to keep debris out and deter mosquitoes from breeding. Try to use water within a week of collection. Because all barrels have a spigot at the bottom, a garden hose, landscape tubing, or drip tubing can be attached. To utilize a watering can, situate the barrel on a wooden pedestal to easily access the spigot. The overflow fitting on each barrel diverts excess water from the barrel and links to a hose fitting, so two or more barrels can be joined together.

If the barrel will be unused for an extended time, drain it and place it indoors. Be sure to drain and store the barrel over the winter. Any excess water could freeze and crack the barrel.