

RAIN BARREL CONTACT LIST

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www.critsite.com
Cost: \$139.99 + shipping

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6103 Noland Road
Kansas City, MO 64133
Tel: (816) 356-4040
www.littleblueriverwc.org
info@littleblueriverwc.org
Food grade plastic
Cost: \$75.00-125.00 + shipping

Midwestern Internet Sales
Tel: (877) 888-5609
www.midwestinternetsales.com
Cost: \$119.95-124.95
Free shipping

Rain Barrels Iowa
4240 Clinton Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50310
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1186 Zinukula Road
Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314
www.simplyrainbarrels.com

Try building your own rain barrel!
For instructions look for the
Stormwater link on the City of
Cedar Falls Developmental Services
web page



SpruceCreekRainsaver.com

- Sell their rain barrels at whole sale cost to conservation agencies and organizations.
- They are distributors for the Gutter Works rain barrels, Barnes City, IA
- A Spruce Creek 54 gal. rain barrel, delivered anywhere in the contiguous United States is \$130/barrel + \$45.00 shipping = \$175.00.
- Will send free sample.

RainBarrelsUSA.com

- Sell rain barrels (three sizes) at whole sale cost to conservation agencies and organizations.
- The wholesale cost per 55 gallon rain barrel is \$78.00. However, it looks as if a large order would have to be made to make shipping costs affordable.
- They are willing to send a free sample, and sell the barrels on consignment so that cities may sell them to individuals on demand.

Watersavers.com

- Unit discounts w/bulk orders. Other offers may be available



Another way to
retain the rain...



Plant
Trees!

The canopies from
trees intercept
rain and

evaporate water back into the
atmosphere. They also take in more
water through their root systems.

For more information on ways to
conserve our water resources visit:

The Iowa Storm Water Education
Program
Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities
p. 515.289.1999
1735 NE 70th Avenue f. 515.289.2499
Ankeny, Iowa 50021
www.iowastormwater.org

or

The City of Cedar Falls
Developmental Services Department
220 Clay Street
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613
319-268-5161
www.cedarfalls.com



Rain Barrels

A Storm Water Management Solution

Rain barrels are systems which collect and store rain water from rooftops for watering your lawn and flower gardens.



Rain barrels conserve water and can slowly release storm water, which otherwise is channeled untreated into nearby streams and

rivers.

Inexpensive rain barrels can be made from food grade plastic barrels or heavy-duty trash cans, or purchased ready-made. Food grade plastic barrels may not weather the elements as well as more expensive, durable systems.

Typically, food grade plastic rain barrels may safely contain from 15–60 gallons of water. High density plastic barrels that are weather and UV resistant can be purchased from numerous non-profit agencies, commercial manufacturers, and retailers. Prices for weather and UV

resistant barrels may range in price from one to two hundred dollars. Rain barrels can be used individually or linked to capture a greater volume of water. They can be used as the central water source for water-saving drip irrigation systems. Locate rain barrels under downspouts where rainwater can be most easily collected for transport away from building foundations into a garden or onto the yard.

CONSERVE

Outdoor water use typically accounts for up to 50 percent of water consumed by households. The water savings from using stored rainwater rather than municipal or well water can be substantial over a period of time.

Many rainfall events will generate enough runoff to overflow most rain barrels. Consider an overflow connector and divert the excess to a rain garden.

Water is a precious resource that we can protect and conserve with simple solutions. By doing so, you will reap the benefits of saving money on your water bill and preventing water pollution from storm runoff.

Direct your downspout to a rain barrel and lead the way in teaching others in the community to do the same.



Rain Barrel Alternatives

RAIN PLANTER

Specially designed rain planters can be connected to roof drains or downspouts to collect runoff. Plant them with your favorite horticultural or native plants. They are especially useful in downtown areas and if you don't have much green space in your yard.

RAIN GARDEN

Create a rain garden to capture downspout water or runoff from your lawn. Dig a depression in a well-drained area where soils will soak up water, not let it puddle. Amend soil before planting, if needed.

CAPTURE THE RAIN

- Divert storm water runoff and associated pollutants from storm drain systems.
- Reduce the velocity of water entering local rivers and streams.
- Store high quality water for lawns and gardens.
- Direct runoff away from building foundations.
- Reduce water and sewer bills.