

RAIN BARRELS

Qualifying for a Rain Barrels Credit

Installing rain barrels would collect the runoff from rooftops and prevent a portion of it from entering the sewer system. Collected rain water should be used for irrigation and watering plants. Rain barrels are sold locally at many garden centers or online. To qualify for a Rain Barrels Credit, the following requirements must be met:

- the runoff from at least 50% of the main home's roof area must be collected by the rain barrels
- the barrels shall be at least 35 gallons in size
- overflow from the rain barrels shall not be directed onto paved surfaces that provide a direct connection to the sewer system, or onto adjacent properties
- provide a plan of the roof area of the home, and the location and number of barrels installed
- provide the manufacturer and model number of the rain barrel installed
- provide a written plan wherein the owner shall attest to the frequency that the rain barrel will be used. For example, agreeing to emptying 50% of the rain barrel every 7 days between April and November to ensure that there is capacity ready for the next rain event.