

## Order your free rain barrels today!

Visit Berwyn City Hall or [www.berwyn-il.gov](http://www.berwyn-il.gov) to get an application and submit your completed application to:

Berwyn Engineering Department  
6700 W. 26th Street  
Berwyn, IL 60402  
[stormwater@ci.berwyn.il.us](mailto:stormwater@ci.berwyn.il.us)  
fax: (708) 749-9593

- **Free delivery**
- **55-gallon capacity**
- **Available in four colors**



Terra Cotta



Blue



Black



Warm Gray

Includes flexible connecting elbow, linking hose and detailed instructions

## You can make a difference to help improve water quality, prevent flooding and save on your water bill!

Disconnecting your downspouts and installing rain barrels will keep clean water out of the sewer system and provide you with a source of free water.

The Village of Berwyn is happy to offer free rain barrels to our residents.

This rain barrel program is a cooperative effort by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and participating communities.



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# Rain barrels are now available for free!



## INFORMATION for Berwyn





## A smart idea

Rain barrels capture rainwater from your roof and save it for when you need it. By keeping this water out of the sewer system, they can also help prevent sewer overflows and flooding.

You can use rain barrel water to wash your car, water your lawn, or clean work boots and tools. Rain barrel water is naturally free of chlorine, lime, and calcium and some gardeners swear their plants prefer it. However, since rain barrel water is runoff from your roof, do not drink it!

## A part of any yard

Most homes can benefit from several rain barrels. If you have areas of unpaved, pervious ground near your downspouts, rain barrels should work in your yard. Homeowners throughout Cook County have incorporated rain barrels into their yards with great results.

## Green and upcycled

Rain barrels are a type of green infrastructure, a new approach to managing stormwater by keeping rain on the property and out of the sewer system.

Our rain barrels are made using repurposed, or upcycled, food barrels so they are doubly green.

## Easy to install, easy to use

Installing a rain barrel is easy and only requires a few tools. A connecting elbow and detailed instructions are provided with all rain barrels. Once it is connected, you just need to wait for rain and your barrel will be ready to use.

## A rain barrel at work



*Water from this home's roof is directed into the beautiful rain garden in its front yard.*

## Green infrastructure

Rain barrels are just one type of green infrastructure that can capture water to help prevent flooding and improve water quality. Green infrastructure mimics the natural environment by holding stormwater where it falls. Other types of green infrastructure homeowners can incorporate into their property include rain gardens, permeable pavement, cisterns, native landscaping, stormwater trees and green roofs. Municipalities throughout Cook County are also going green, utilizing greenways, wetlands, green alleys, streets and parking lots to help capture water.



*While the appearance and design of rain barrels may change from year to year, their functionality will remain the same. The photos in this brochure show a variety of barrel designs and do not necessarily represent those currently distributed under the MWRD's green infrastructure program.*