

## FOR PARTICIPANTS

### STORMWATER TOOL

# Rain Barrel

## What is a Rain Barrel?

- A rain barrel is a storage container connected to a downspout to capture stormwater runoff from the roof.
- Rain barrels usually consist of a plastic storage container, a system that diverts water into the barrel, and a water spigot to which a garden hose can attach or a watering-can can be filled.
- PWD rain barrels are 55 gallon, blue, recycled, food-grade barrels that measure approximately 22.5" diameter and 36.5" height.
- Our rain barrels are completely sealed so there is no need to worry about mosquitoes.

## Benefits of a Rain Barrel

- Rain water can be reused for watering gardens, lawns and more.
- Philadelphia homeowners can save money that would otherwise be spent on tap water.
- By storing rain water during rain events, there is a decreased impact of stormwater runoff on our streams and rivers, making them healthier waterways.
- The rain barrel and installation are FREE!

## Caring for your Rain Barrel

- Be sure to empty your rain barrel after each rainstorm (full rain barrels can't capture stormwater!)
- In the winter, you should completely drain your barrel and detach it from the downspout. A winter plug is provided to seal the hole in your downspout.



## What will it cost?

- Rain barrels and the installation are free!

## Sign Up!

- Sign up for a free Rain Check workshop: [pwdraincheck.org](http://pwdraincheck.org)

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