

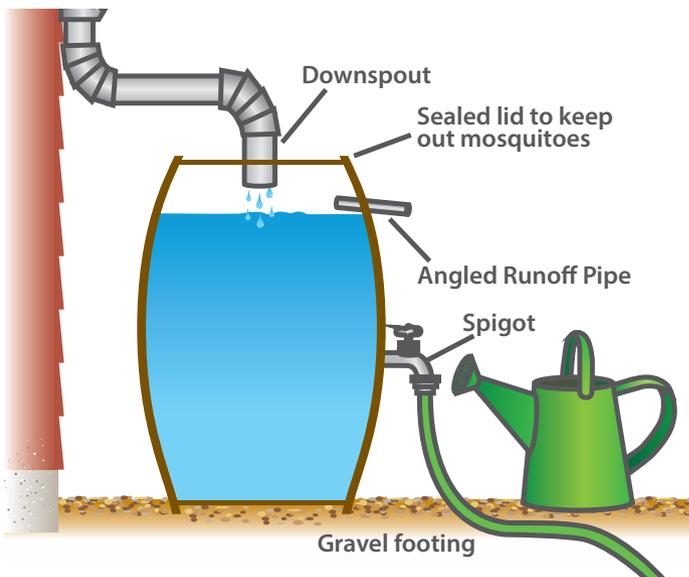
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Rain Barrels in Dublin

What is a Rain Barrel?

A rain barrel is an above-ground, prefabricated storage receptacle with an automatic overflow diversion system that collects and stores stormwater runoff from the roof of a building that would have been otherwise routed into the storm drain.



Design Requirements

Plastic Barrels converted for use as rain barrels must be neutral in color, painted to match the body or trim color of the home. Any connector hoses from the downspout to the rain barrel must match the color of the downspout.

Rain barrels constructed of natural material or designed to appear similar to a wood barrel, planter, stone boulders, or similar may remain as constructed and are not required to match in color the attached building.



The rain barrel shall be equipped with an overflow device. The overflow from such devices must be directed away from the home's foundation, must not cause excessive erosion or water damage, or must be diverted into the public storm sewer or other approved location.

Unless otherwise approved by the City, only runoff from roof surfaces is allowed for rainwater harvesting collection.

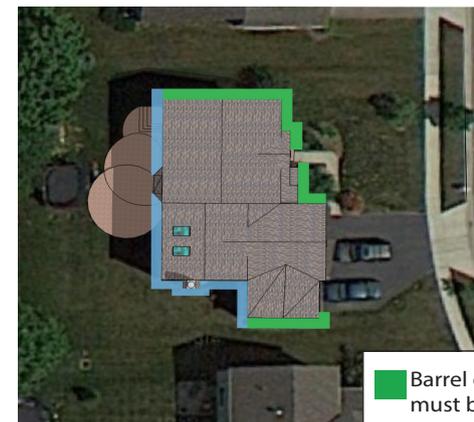
Rainwater shall not be harvested from any vehicular or pedestrian area, surface water runoff, standing bodies of water, or other non-roof areas unless otherwise approved by the City.



Placement on Property

Rain barrels or storage containers must be placed within 1 foot of the primary structure and must be at least 3 feet away from the property line. The maximum height including supporting framing is 6 feet above ground level.

Rain barrels are preferably located to the side or rear of the residence. If a rain barrel is by necessity located forward of the residence or is visible from the street, it must be screened with landscaping to the top of the rain barrel.



- Barrel only by necessity and must be screened with landscaping to top of barrel
- Barrel placement within 1 foot of primary building and 3 feet from property line

Maintenance

Rain barrels or other storage containers must be covered at all times to protect from unintentional entry by humans, vermin, or insects, and shall not cause a public or private nuisance.

Occasional cleaning to remove debris, such as leaves, coming from around the drainage area must be performed as needed.

Rain barrels are required to be drained and thoroughly cleaned at least once annually to avoid freezing in winter temperatures.

Additional Information

Please contact the City of Dublin at 614.410.4600 or visit: <http://dublinohiousa.gov/living/rain-barrel-benefits/>