

How to Order

- ◆ Orders and payments will be accepted at the Midland Conservation District.
- ◆ Order form must accompany payment. [Check, cash or charge is acceptable.](#) Please do not mail cash.
- ◆ Orders are due by March 17th 2017 and items will be available for pickup on
- ◆ April 21 2017 from 7:00am - 6:00pm and April 22 2017 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Spring tree sale.
- ◆ Questions not answered in this brochure can be directed to the Midland Conservation District (989) 486-2325.

Disclaimer

With proper installation, maintenance and use, your rain barrel should function properly. The Midland Conservation District assumes no liability for the installation, maintenance, property damage or injury associated with your rain barrel.

Automatic diverter for connecting Rain Barrel to downspout. Available in sizes to fit a 2x3 inch or a 3x4 inch downspout. Hose is provided.



All of the plastic rain barrels are made from re-cycled food grade barrels. The rain barrels have a screw on top with one inch holes, screen mesh to keep out debris and mosquitoes, an overflow male hose connection, a drain valve and a connection to attach additional barrels.



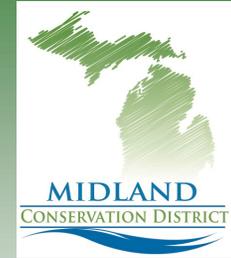
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**MIDLAND CONSERVATION
DISTRICT
Rain Barrel Sale**



Order Form

Item	Color	Qty	Total
Prices are each			
Rain Barrel 55 Gallon Available in Black, Grey, Terra-Cotta, and Blue. \$75.00			
Rain Barrel 50 Gallon Available in Terra-Cotta. \$70.00			
Tumbling Composter \$150.00	Black		
Stationary Composter \$75.00	Terra-Cotta		
Diverter fits 2x3 or 3x4 \$25.00	White		
Small Flex Elbow \$10.00	White		
Large Flex Elbow \$15.00	White		
Linking Hose 1/2"x4' \$16.00	Black		
Pedestal wood 12" \$25.00	Wood		
Plant Netting \$12.00	Black		
Plant Hanger \$12.00	30, 33 or 38 Inch		

Amount Paid _____

How Paid Cash-Credit Card-Check# _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Ordering and payment instructions are on back page.

Rain Barrel Instructions

It is a good idea to put your barrel up on a flat, stable platform (concrete blocks, landscaping blocks or other solid support). The added height increases the water pressure and allows you to put a bucket under the spigot to bring water to your indoor plants. A full 55 gallon rain barrel weighs over 450 pounds.

Install an overflow hose to direct water away from your house foundation for times of high rainfall. Direct overflow hose away from areas that will not absorb water. Locate and install your rain barrel to keep kids safe. Keep your rain barrel lid tight at all times to prevent children, animals and insects from entering or falling in.

Measure and cut the downspout. Use the existing elbow or a flexible spout attachment to direct the water to the top of the barrel. The end of the downspout should be cut 6-8 inches above the top of the barrel. Downspouts can be cut with a hacksaw. Flexible spouts can be purchased at hardware stores or home centers.

In the Fall, you need to empty your rain barrel and then leave the valve (spigot) open. Remove the cap on the lower fitting. Leave the barrel in place and in the Spring just close the valve and install the cap. Diverter are available that can easily switch the downspout from filling the barrel to normal operation once the barrel is full.

Using Rain Barrel Water

- Water your flowers, trees, shrubs, and lawn
- Wash your car; rinse tools or muddy boots.
- Do not cook, drink or bathe with water from your rain barrel.

What is a Rain Barrel?

A rain barrel is a system that collects and stores rainwater from your roof that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains and streams.

What are the Advantages of a Rain Barrel?

It Saves You Money

A rain barrel will save most homeowners about 1,300 gallons of water during the peak summer months. Saving water not only helps protect the environment, it saves you money and energy (decreased demand for treated tap water).

Helps Reduce Stormwater Pollution

Rainwater stored in rain barrels helps reduce the amount of stormwater runoff and the amount of pollutants that are picked up and carried to storm sewers, creeks and rivers.

Conserves Water Supply Resources

Lawn and garden watering make up nearly 40% of total household water use during the summer. Rainwater used from rain barrels helps reduce the amount of water used from underground aquifers.

Better for Plants and Gardens

Rainwater stored in rain barrels is a naturally soft water and devoid of minerals, chlorine, fluoride, and other chemicals. For this reason, plants respond very well to rainwater. After all, it's what plants in the wild thrive on!

Helps Inform Your Neighbors

One of the best reasons to start harvesting rainwater with rain barrels is to teach and encourage others to do the same, You will help to spread the culture of rainwater collection and in turn, help your larger community and the environment.