Rain Barrel Design & Rebate

Rain Barrels:

Rainwater harvesting can be accomplished using rain barrels and/or cisterns. Rain barrels are typically small scale (25 to 100 gallons) and located at the downspout of a gutter system. They can also be linked to expand the overall storage volume. They are used to collect and store rainwater for watering landscapes and gardens or washing patio furniture.

get a

$25.00

rebate

when you install a

Rain Barrel

- Must be a City of Buffalo utilities customer.
- Available to residents and businesses.
- Homeowners Associations or commercially zoned properties are eligible for rebate check.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- Limit 1 (one) per residential or commercial property.
- First come first serve as there are limited funds available.
- Rebate request forms must be submitted within 15 days of purchase.

Date purchased: _____

Date installed: _____

Date inspected: _____

Copy of receipt will need to be submitted with this form.

Questions?

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** Rebate will appear as a credit on customer's utility bill*

Rain Barrel Design:

- The system should be watertight, have a smooth interior surface, be located on level and stable ground, have a tight-fitting lid, durable screens on the inlet and outlet and have an emergency overflow device
- Barrel material should withstand the pressure of water over long periods of time
- The barrel should include an overflow deflection and routing feature to keep water away from the foundation of your home
- Rain barrels should not be used for the following roof types: tar and gravel, asbestos shingle and treated cedar shakes because of the high potential for polluting the captured water
- To prevent the breeding of mosquitoes, water in the rain barrel should be emptied in less than five days or enclosed with a fine screen over all openings
- Rain barrels and cisterns should be disconnected and drained in the winter to prevent freezing and deformation of the rain water harvesting system. When emptied, they can be reconnected to collect spring meltwater.