

Get your fill with rain barrels

With rain barrels, you can collect water for a variety of purposes. Be aware that rainwater can flow over dirty roofs and other surfaces, absorbing bacteria, chemicals and other pollutants. So, if you want to use collected rainwater for drinking, thoroughly treat it first.

Other rain-barrel water uses include watering your lawn or gardens, washing your car, cleaning outdoor items or even filling a toilet. You don't need to treat rainwater to water a vegetable garden, but make sure to pour only onto the soil and not the plants.

See how you can make a difference and use a rain barrel around your home. Guide the rain through the barrel below to water the flowers.

