

# RAIN BARRELS

Rain barrels capture and store the rainwater running off a rooftop. The harvested rainwater can be stored for later use, released slowly over time, or used immediately for watering lawns and landscaped areas, or washing cars.

RiverSmart Homes offers two types of rain barrels for installation: RainGrid's RiverSides rain barrel and StormWorks' Hydra rain barrel. These barrels are enclosed to eliminate the chance for mosquitoes to breed and have an overflow port to move excess water away from the foundation of your house. If you are interested in installing a different rain barrel, please see information about the Rain Barrel Rebate Program on the back of this flyer.



## RAINGRID RIVERSIDES: \$50 CO-PAY

- 132-gallon capacity
- Made with recycled plastic & UV-treated to resist fading, warping, and cracks
- Includes spigot and 30-foot soaker hose
- Diverter box to bypass or collect rainwater depending on season/need
- Weighs approximately 35 lbs. when empty

## STORMWORKS HYDRA: \$70 CO-PAY

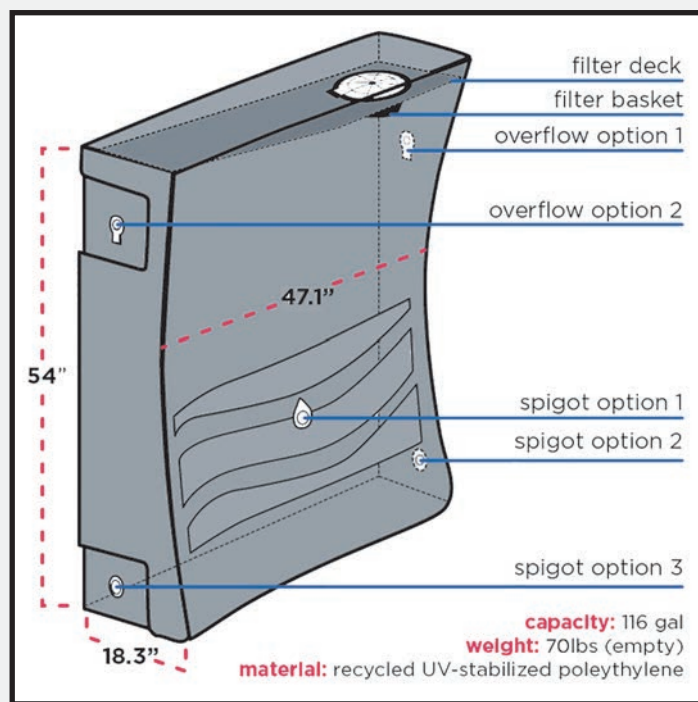
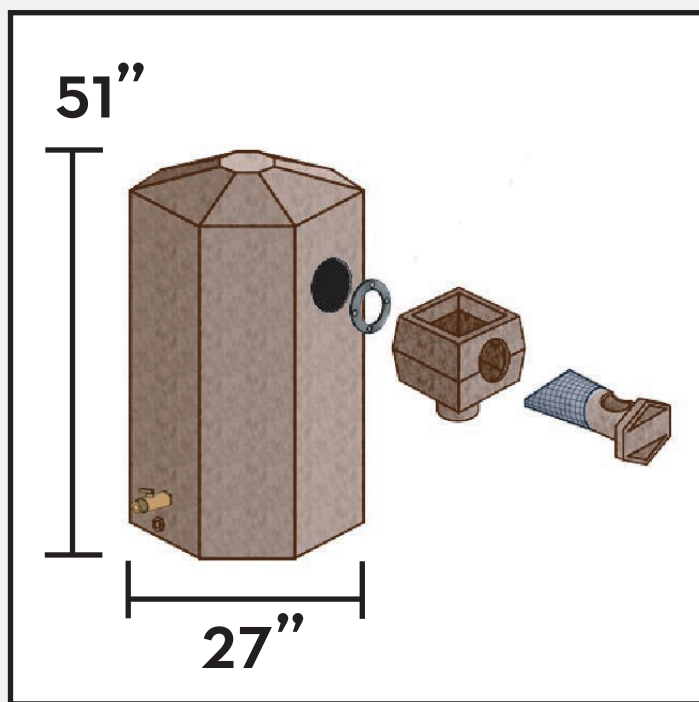
- 116-gallon capacity
- UV-treated to resist fading, warping, and cracks
- Includes spigot and 30-foot soaker hose
- Automatic overflow connection
- Manual diverter to bypass or collect rainwater depending on season/need
- Weighs approximately 58 lbs. when empty

**\$50 or \$70 co-payment per rain barrel (limit two per property)**

## MAINTAINING YOUR RAIN BARREL

Rain barrels will need to be drained between rainstorms to maximize the rainwater it can capture. The filter will need to be regularly cleaned and rinsed to prevent clogging. To prepare the barrel for winter, empty the barrel, switch diverter to bypass mode, and leave the spigot open. For more maintenance information and how-to videos, visit [riversmarthomes.org/rainbarrels](https://riversmarthomes.org/rainbarrels).

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## NEXT STEPS

If you are interested in a rain barrel, please do the following:

1. Become eligible for a rain barrel through a RiverSmart Homes audit
2. If you are eligible, let your auditor know you want a rain barrel(s) installed
3. Make your copayment and have your rain barrel(s) installed
4. Maintain your rain barrel

## INTERESTED IN MORE THAN TWO RAIN BARRELS OR WANT A DIFFERENT MODEL OF RAIN BARREL?

Rebates are available for homeowners who purchase and self-install eligible rain barrels. Rebates are issued as a direct reimbursement of \$2 per gallon stored by the rain barrel or cistern. Rebates can be used in combination with RiverSmart Homes funding.

The minimum capacity required is 50 gallons, which would provide a \$100 rebate. Rebates may not exceed \$1,000 per property.

Visit [doee.dc.gov/rainbarrelrebates](https://doee.dc.gov/rainbarrelrebates) to review the Homeowner Guide and Rebate Application.