

Rain Barrel Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____



Description	Quantity	Price	Subtotal
Rain Barrel 55 gallon, blue Upright		\$60.00	
Rain Barrel 55 gallon, blue Horizontal		\$55.00	
55 gallon Barrel, blue		\$30.00	

Check # : _____ Amount: _____ Date Rec'd: _____

Credit Card #: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Expiration Date: ____ / ____

Cardholder Name: _____ Authorized Signature: _____

Payment must accompany all orders. Visa and Mastercard accepted. Please make checks payable to:
Park Ridge
Park District

Three Ways to Order:

- Phone**—call with credit card info to (847) 692-3570. Please do not leave credit card information on voicemail.
- Fax**—Fax order form and credit card information to (847) 692-6949
- Mail**—Mail form and payment to: Wildwood Nature Center, Rain Barrel Sale, 2701 W. Sibley Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068

**Wildwood will contact you when your barrel is ready for pick up.
When ready, barrels can be picked up at the
Wildwood Nature Center
529 Forestview, Park Ridge, IL.**

Rain Barrels

What is a rain barrel?

A rain barrel is a water collection device. It collects and stores rain water from your roof to be used later for water your lawn, garden, and indoor plants.

What are the advantages of a rain barrel?

Rain barrel water can be used between rainy days to keep your lawn, garden, and other plants green. Re-using the rain water will save you money on your water bill (during the summer months nearly 40% of household water usage is for lawns and gardens). Rain water is natural, free of chlorine, lime, and calcium; making it ideal for gardens, lawns, and flower pots. Saving water also helps to protect the environment, decreasing the impact of runoff into streams. Bottom line, a rain barrel is an easy way to have a consistent supply of free natural water for outdoor use.

What can I use the water for?

You can use the collected water to: water house plants, flowerbeds, gardens, and lawns; Keep your compost bin moist; Rinse off gardening tools; Wash vehicles; Fill bird baths; Wash windows; Replenish water feature when evaporation occurs.

Will my rain barrel catch all of the water during the rain storm?

On an average home, during an average rainstorm, over 600 gallons of water runs off of your roof. The rain barrel is only 55 gallons. The rain barrels have an overflow installed at the top, allowing you to re-direct the excess water.

How big is the rain barrel?

The rain barrel is a 55 gallon food grade barrel; that stands 40 inches tall with a diameter of 23 inches.

What color is the rain barrel?

Cubbie blue. The rain barrel is made of plastic and can be painted with paint meant for outdoor use on plastic. For added fun, turn this into a family project.

Where do I put my rain barrel?

A rain barrel works best next to a gutter and elevated at least 15 inches off of the ground. The water is pushed out of the barrel due to gravity, so the higher it is, the faster the water will come out. If up high, be sure to make sure the stand is level and secure. A full barrel will weigh around 400 pounds.

What if I don't have a gutter?

You can add a 10 foot section of gutter to any area with a fascia board and a sloping section of roof. 10 feet of gutter combined with a 100 square foot of roof, will be enough to fill a 55 gallon barrel. Also, consider placing your rain barrel under your air conditioner to collect the drain water.

Additional things to know:

- Roof construction material should not be treated cedar shakes or material containing asbestos. Roof tiles and gutter should not have lead solder or lead based paint.
- Rain barrel water is not considered "potable" or drinkable water. This water runs off of the roof and may contain bacteria. Therefore, when watering edible plants, it is best to water the base of the plant.
- Add a timer to your rain barrel to water the lawn and garden during the cool hours of the day.