

UPCYCLE PRODUCTS CARE & USE GUIDE



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Setup Instructions

Choose a spot for your barrel where you can either tap into or modify a downspout to fill your barrel from. Place concrete blocks or similar sturdy material capable of holding 600 pounds. This will raise your barrel up approximately a foot above the surrounding ground and will allow you easy access to the spigot with a watering can or bucket. Additionally the elevated barrel will ensure your hose, if used, will flow properly to your flowers. Remember that water seeks its own level. In other words, if the end of your hose is higher than the spigot then the water will not flow out. Basic installation requires you to cut the downspout 8 inches above the top of the barrel. Make your measurement for the cut considering how high you have raised the barrel. Attach the downspout elbow so it dispenses the water directly onto the top of the barrel.



Downspout elbow used to direct water into the barrel. Can also use optional "Flex Elbow" to direct the water from the downspout.

Be sure to save the down spout if you want to re-install for the winter. Attach a garden hose to the overflow fitting on the top section of the barrel so when it is full the additional water can be diverted away from the foundation of your house and keep the water level below the screening and prevent mosquitoes. DO NOT redirect water back to the base of the home from the over flow fitting. Connect a hose and direct the water away from the house.

Note: If you have gutters that go directly into the ground use the UpCycle Products Rain Water Diverter to hook up your barrel. See "Rain Water Diverter." You can link 2 or more barrels together using a Linking Hose Kit. See "Linking Hose Kit."

Attach garden hose to overflow fitting and direct away from the house.



The barrel may stay in place for the winter or the barrel can be drained and put in the garage, just reattach the original downspout. To prepare for the winter season, drain water out of the barrel, remove hoses, overflow fitting cap, and open the spigot. You can leave it standing all winter. Enough water can remain to keep them from being blown over and if that small amount freezes it will not damage the barrel. If the barrel fills with water and freezes, it will crack and void your warranty. If using an optional automatic rain water diverter, follow the instructions that came with the diverter to prepare the diverter for winter. The barrels are not painted. If you want to enhance the color or appearance of your barrel you may paint them with paints designed specifically to adhere to polyethylene plastic such as Krylon brand spray paint. UpCycle Products rain barrels carry a 1 year warranty on the material and workmanship. The warranty can be voided if you leave the barrel out during the winter without opening the spigot and overflow fitting allowing it to fill with water and freeze resulting in a cracked barrel. For warranty issues, contact point of purchase.



Wide - Overflow Rain Barrels - This rain barrel includes a 1 ½" wide overflow upgrade installment. During heavy downpours, rain barrels fill faster than a garden hose overflow can output excess water. Water can overflow through the top and puddle. Our Wide Overflow Upgrade, with it's double capacity (as compared to a garden hose) will channel away huge amounts of rainwater to help prevent puddling. An internal 90 degree PVC (1-1/2") pipe connected to an external 6 foot long wide hose (supplied), will channel excess water away more efficiently. Our Wide Overflow Upgrade Barrels come in any color and any size up to a full 55 Gallons.

Other Optional Equipment

The accessories, shown below, may be ordered from our website with Home Delivery, included. www.UpCycle-Products.com
From the Home Page select "Online Store" and scroll toward the bottom until you see "Accessories"



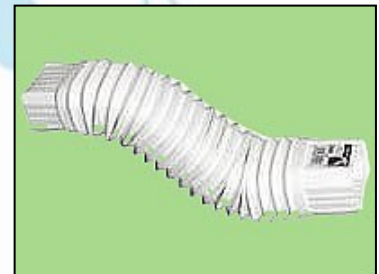
Pedestal - use pedestal to raise barrel approximately 12 inches off the ground. The Pedestal works with gravity to provide more water pressure when using the rain barrel and to raise the spigot a little higher to put a watering can underneath.

Linking Hose Kit - used for attaching multiple barrels together. This allows you to modify only one downspout from the roof in any given location around the home or building and have increased storage capacity.



Rain Water Diverters - Our automatic diverters are made from upcycled vinyl fence post covers and attach directly to our rain barrels via an attachment hose. Fits both a 2x3 inch and a 3x4 inch downspout. Hose and instructions are provided.

Flex Elbow - for attaching from downspout to discharge into barrel opening. Flex elbows come in two sizes: 2x3" downspout and 3x4" downspout.



Plant hangers - made from stainless steel and aluminum strapping. The plant hangers allow the homeowner to blend their rain barrel into the yard with a more aesthetically pleasing look. They are available in 17, 20 and 25 inch lengths.

Plant netting - designed to allow the homeowner to wrap the barrel from ground up with a mesh net for climbing flowers or vines.



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