



# Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

## Rain Barrel Order Form



To order a rain barrel and required parts (stand not included) to create your own backyard system (minimal assembly will be required) complete the order form below and send with payment to the Marion County SWCD. Connect the rain barrel to your home's downspouts and rain water is stored in the barrel until needed for watering your lawn or flowers. This will help to reduce your monthly water bills in the summer! The system is sealed, so mosquitoes are not a problem. Rain barrels are made from recycled containers. Rain barrel color may vary (but can be painted) and comes with all items needed.

### Note—We are taking orders year round

Complete this order blank, send to our office with payment, we will then contact you as to when it can be picked up at our District office at Discovery Hall, Suite 200, 1202 East 38th St, Indianapolis. Our office is located on the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Enter the Fall Creek Parkway or 38th Street entrance, our building (old east 4-H dormitory) is near the DNR site in the NW corner of the fairgrounds. See website for map.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

To learn more about rain barrels contact our Marion County SWCD office-

**Marion Co. Soil & Water Conservation District  
Discovery Hall, Suite 200, 1202 East 38th St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46205**

Phone: 317-786-1776 Fax: 317-786-1757  
Web: [www.marionswcd.org](http://www.marionswcd.org)

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone- Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email- \_\_\_\_\_

The pick up date will be set up after receipt of your payment.

Number of Rain Barrels Ordered \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 75.00 each=  
(Price includes sales tax)

(Please enclose a check for ) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Made payable to the Marion County SWCD)



We have information on Rain Gardens too!

## **\$75 Barrel**

- Approximately 50 Gallons
- Sealed System
- Water Saver connection system with directions
- Brass hardware
- Once barrel is filled the Water Saver directs water flow to existing downspout.

### **WHY USE A RAIN BARREL?**

- To save water to use during times of drought or between rain showers
- To have a supply of naturally softened water - great for delicate houseplants, auto cleaning and window washing
- To reduce the amount of municipal water used for irrigation
- To help reduce flooding
- To reduce the volume of water flowing to the sewer treatment facility
- To help improve water quality in nearby streams, rivers and reservoirs
- To maintain a healthy biotic community in the soil with chlorine-free water
- To keep plastic barrels out of the landfill

### **How Much Water Runs Off Your Roof?**

Every inch of rain that falls on a catchment area of 1,000 square feet yields approximately 600 gallons of **FREE** rainwater.

Multiply the square footage of your roof (length X width) by 0.6 to estimate your roof runoff volume in gallons.

Examples:

- 1 inch of rain on 1 square foot of roof yields 0.6 gallons.
- 1 inch of rain onto a 10 ft x 10 ft. area (100 sq. ft) yields 60 gallons.

Remember, this is just an estimate. Not all the water will be collected in your rain barrel. Some may spill out of the gutters or evaporate. Generally, rain barrel efficiency ranges between 70% and 90%.