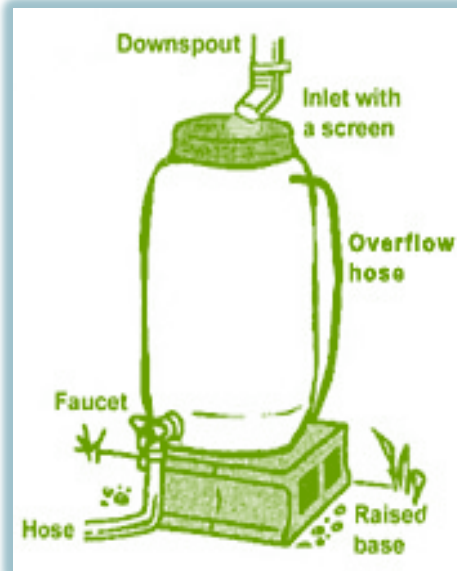




Easy, Kid-Friendly Water Conservation: Rain Barrels



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- simple
- inexpensive
- useful
- efficient
- GREAT family project

Rain barrels are not just cool looking. They are an amazing, efficient way to conserve rain water that would otherwise be wasted. Cisterns like this one collect water from a gutter's downspout. There is a spigot towards the bottom of the barrel to access the water, a hose attachment towards the top for water to flow out of if the barrel gets too full, and an inlet with a screen filter on top to prevent leaves, twigs, mosquitoes, bugs, or anything else from getting into the barrel. The water collected inside it can be used to water gardens or planters such as the half-barrel planters here. Rain barrels are an excellent way to conserve our world's precious water, and they're something that can easily make any building or home a little more efficient and eco-friendly!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT

<http://www.watershedactivities.com/projects/spring/rainbarl.html> or

http://www.enewsbuilder.net/watercon/e_article000637946.cfm?x=b11,0,w

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