

COMMUNITY BACKYARDS



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GET A FREE RAIN BARREL

Columbus Public Utilities customers who receive a low income or senior discount on their water bill can receive a free rain barrel from Franklin Soil and Water.

WHAT IS A RAIN BARREL?

A rain barrel is a barrel that collects and stores rainwater. They are typically around 50 gallons and made of plastic. The rain barrel hooks up to your downspout via a small hose called a diverter hose. The rain barrel collects rainwater from your roof and downspout when it rains and then diverts excess rainwater back to the downspout when full.

You can use the collected rainwater to water flowers, gardens, lawns, and wash your car. It is not recommended to use for drinking or bathing, but it's great for watering plants and your lawn. It ultimately conserves water and saves you money on your water bill.



HOW TO APPLY FOR A FREE RAIN BARREL

JOIN THE DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Apply for the Columbus Public Utilities low income and/or senior discount program if you aren't already signed up.

LEARN ABOUT RAIN BARRELS

Participate in the Community Backyards program by taking the online course and quiz or attend a local workshop.

APPLY FOR YOUR RAIN BARREL

Contact us to fill out the application for your rain barrel. Provide us with a copy of your water bill showing that you are a member of the discount program. Then we will arrange pickup.



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