



# Rain Barrel Maintenance Guide

Regular rain barrel maintenance is important for it perform optimally. A properly maintained rain barrel will last 10 years. Follow these guidelines to maintain your rain barrel as agreed to in the Rain Barrel Maintenance Agreement.

## Weekly

Use water from your barrel to water your lawn or landscaping. To help reduce the risk of mosquitoes, keep water standing in your barrel no longer than one week.

## Monthly

Remove debris from filter screens and diverter boxes. Filter screens can become clogged over time and lead to water backups in your gutters.

## Seasonally

### Early Spring

Ready your barrel for the season. Reconnect the barrel to your downspout. If you have a diverter installed, turn the dial to the collect water position and make sure the spigot is closed.

### Spring and Fall

Clean your roof gutters to keep them clear of leaves and other debris. Make sure that the downspout to your rain barrel is clear and the connection is secure.

### Winter

Before the first freeze, completely drain all the remaining water from your barrel. Disconnect the barrel from your downspout or redirect your diverter to closed. To keep water out, store your rain barrel either upside down or covered tightly with the spigot open. Or simply bring it indoors for the season.

