Usage

Congratulations! You can use your collected rainwater for many purposes, such as:

- Watering lawns
- Watering gardens
- Washing cars
- Cleaning outdoor furniture
- Washing garden tools and containers
- Watering indoor and outdoor potted plants

Note: **NEVER DRINK OR INGEST STANDING WATER**. Do not allow ingestion by pets and animals, and do not cook or wash anything in collected rainwater in any way that may result in ingestion. Ingestion may cause serious illness or death. See below for further important warnings.

Maintenance

SUMMER

Clean the screen once a month to prevent clogging. Check for erosion under/around rain barrel; platform/support must remain level and stable at all times.

WINTER

Disconnect the rain barrel and diverter hose connection, then insert the winter cap into the diverter outlet and secure it with the hose clamp. Empty the rain barrel completely and store the barrel and all components safely in a shed or garage for the next season. If left outside with water inside during freezing temperatures, the barrel may crack or become damaged.

⚠ WARNINGS

Drowning Hazard

Never permit children to play on, in, or near a rain barrel. Always affix the lid securely to avoid drowning. Never use a rain barrel without the lid securely affixed, or with a damaged, cracked, warped or broken cover. Never place a rain barrel near a deck, stairs, chair, or other structures or items that may allow a child to climb above, on, or in the
rain barrel.

Water Contamination Hazard

Do not use collected water for drinking, cooking, washing or in any way that may result in ingestion of the water by humans and/or animals. Water in rain barrels may become stagnant and/or contaminated. Ingesting rain barrel water may cause serious illness or death. Use only for watering plants and cleaning of outdoor items not related to eating or drinking.

Tipping Hazard

A misinstalled rain barrel may tip over causing bodily injury or property damage. Never place rain barrels on non-level or uneven surfaces. Always use a solid, stable platform under the rain barrel. Water is very heavy. The preparation and placement of the installation are critical; the platform must be level and provide robust support for a filled rain barrel.

Electrical Hazard

If the downspout contains heating cables, there is a potential electrocution or fire hazard during installation. Ensure power is disconnected at the electrical panel before manipulating heated downspouts. Consult a qualified electrician for modifications to heated downspouts.

Installation Hazards

Rain barrels are for water collection and out-door use only. No other uses are recommended. Downspout edges may be sharp. Wear protective gloves when cutting and handling downspouts. Always wear safety glasses when cutting or drilling to prevent eye injuries. Protect siding from damage by inserting a sheet of plywood between the downspout and siding. Read all instructions and warnings thoroughly before installing this product.

Warning and Limitations

Improper installation and maintenance may result in property damage, bodily injury and/or death. Enviro World Corporation is not responsible for any damages or injuries caused by or resulting from improper installation and/or continued maintenance. Retain this sheet for future reference.

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FreeGarden RAIN®

Installation Instructions with Diverter

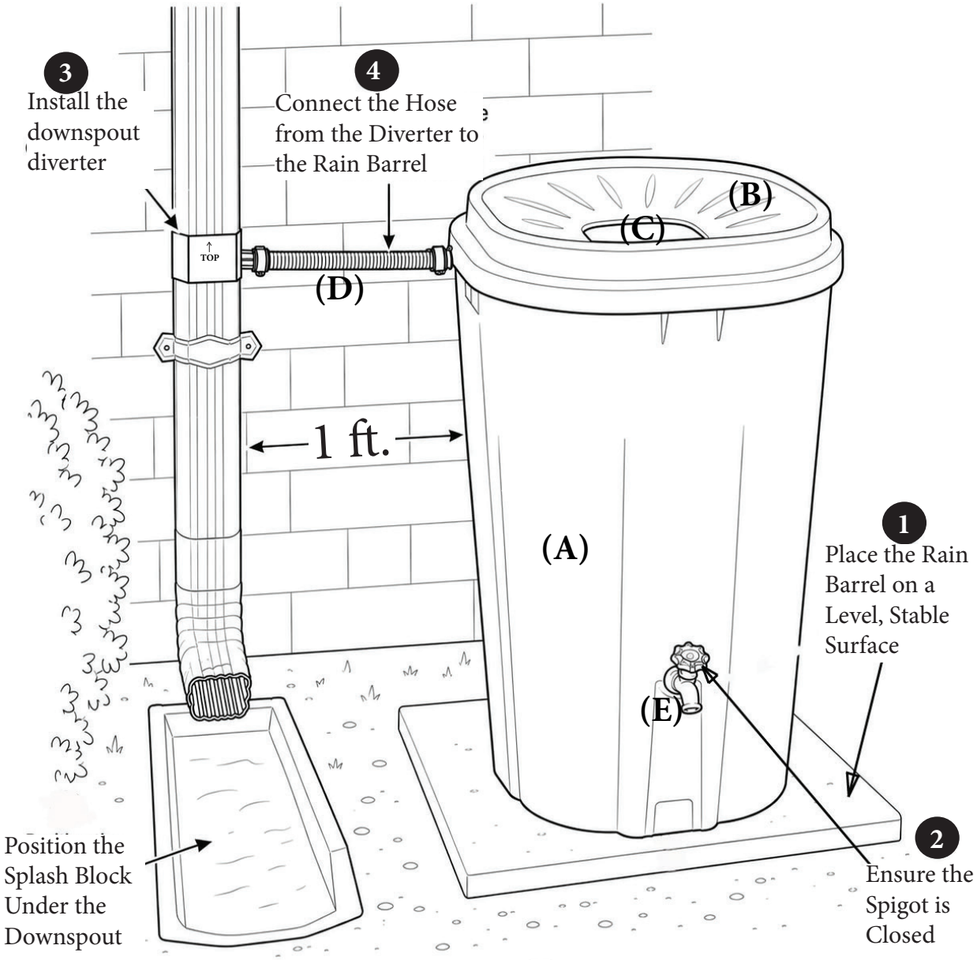
Please read these instructions and warnings carefully before beginning installation, and retain them for future reference. These instructions apply only when installing the rain barrel with a diverter system. If you are not using a diverter, please follow the standard installation instructions sheet included with the spigot kit.

INCLUDED

- Rain barrel body *(A)*
- Rain barrel lid (B)
- Mesh filter (preinstalled in lid) *(C)*
- 1 overflow hose and 1 hose clamp *(D)*
- 1 spout, 1 rubber gasket, 1 nut *(E)*
- 4 screws for Lid
- 1 Diverter, 2 screws ,1 Winter Cap for Diverter.

NEEDED

- Slothead and Phillips (crosshead) screwdrivers
- Wrench
- Tape measure and marker
- Safety glasses, safety gloves
- Hacksaw
- Hammer or chisel

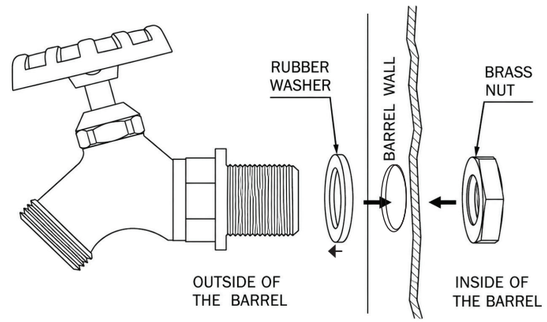


Step 1 Locate

Choose a location near a downspout for the rain barrel installation. The selected area must have firm, level ground to provide proper support and stability. A 3 ft. × 3 ft. paving stone is recommended as a stable base for the rain barrel. Avoid installing the rain barrel near ground-level basement windows or window wells to help prevent potential water damage or flooding.

Step 2 Assemble

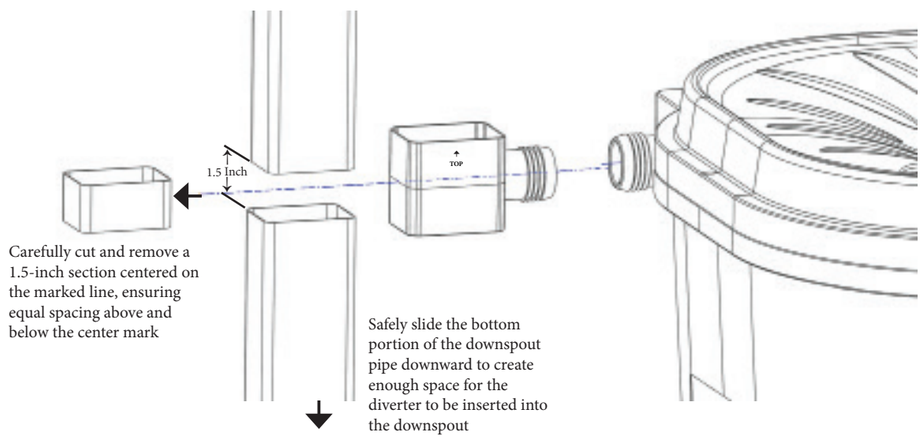
Place the rubber gasket onto the spigot and insert the spigot through the opening at the front of the rain barrel. From inside the barrel, thread the nut onto the back of the spigot. Hold the nut securely with a wrench while hand-tightening the spigot from the outside of the barrel. Tighten only enough to create a watertight seal and prevent leakage. Do not over-tighten, as excessive force may crack or damage the rain barrel.

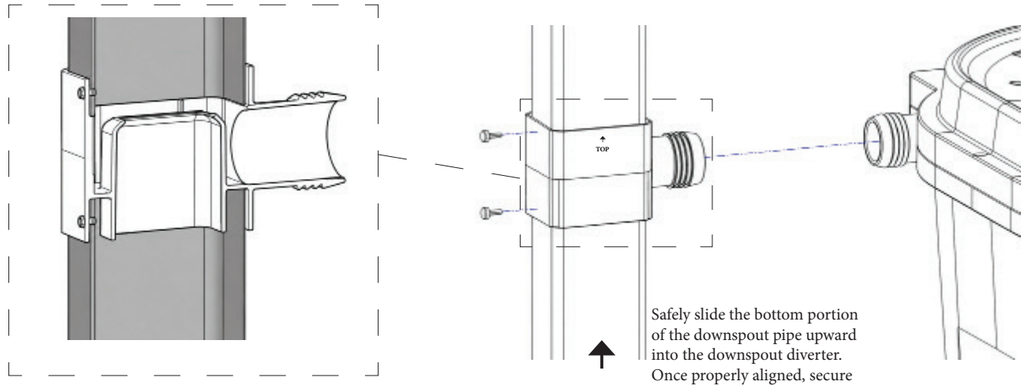


Step 3 Cut Downspout

Place the rain barrel on the prepared ground beside the downspout and position it correctly before installation. Carefully measure and **mark the alignment to ensure that the diverter outlet and the rain barrel inlet are level with each other. Proper alignment is essential to allow rainwater to flow efficiently into the barrel and overflow safely back through the downspout system when the barrel is full.**

Before cutting the downspout, ensure there is adequate space between the rain barrel and the downspout to allow for proper installation and future maintenance. A minimum distance of 1 foot is recommended. Carefully mark and remove a 1.5-inch section centered on the marked line, ensuring **equal spacing above and below the center mark.**

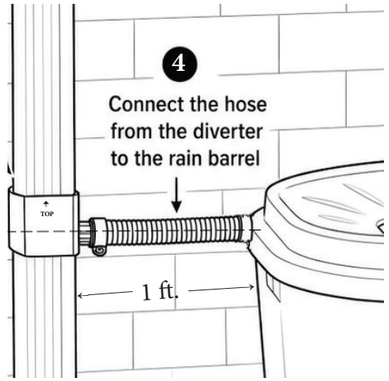




Step 4 Hose Connection

Both rain barrel inlet openings are sealed with a plastic disc by default. Remove the disc only from the selected inlet side by inserting a flat-head screwdriver or chisel into the overflow tube from the outside of the barrel. Using a hammer, gently tap around the edges of the disc until it opens up.

Next, cut the supplied hose to the required length. Insert one end of the hose into the diverter outlet and the other end into the selected rain barrel inlet side. If necessary, secure the hose connection using the supplied hose clamp(s).



Step 5 Attach Lid

Place the lid on the barrel and affix using the four provided screws (#6 x 1.5") and a crosshead screwdriver. Hand-tighten only. Over-tightening may cause the plastic. ``

Option Connecting Multiple Barrels

Multiple FreeGarden™ RAIN barrels can be connected to collect additional water from the same downspout. On each additional barrel tap out BOTH plastic discs in the overflow spouts as in Step 4 above, then connect and clamp the end of the first barrel's overflow hose to one of the spouts of the additional barrel. Clamp and connect another overflow hose to the other spout of the additional barrel and direct the open end to wherever your downspout originally drained (usually a splash pad or sewer drain).