

# Rain Barrel Instructions

- It is a good idea to plan to put your barrel up on a platform. (concrete blocks work well) The added height allows you to put a bucket under the spigot to bring water to your indoor plants.
- Measure and cut the downspout. (Keep the cut off for re-attachment in the winter) use two elbows or a flex spout\* attachment to direct the water to the top of the barrel. The spout should be cut 2-3 inches above the top of the barrel. Downspout can be cut with a hacksaw. \* Flex spouts can be purchased at any hardware store or home center near the gutters parts.
- Cut a hole in the top of the barrel, put a bead of clear caulk around the hole and push a piece of screen material into the wet caulk. The barrel will be sealed from insects.
- An overflow tube can be installed in the side near the top of the barrel, with a hose that will drain in cases of high rainfall. Buy a hose barb (hardware store) One end can fit a hose or tubing and the other end is threaded. Drill a hole, push the threaded end through the barrel and put a nut on the inside. The hose can be placed to run the water to a planted area or to another barrel to store more water.
- Materials needed: Hacksaw, caulk, screen, elbow or flex spout

Optional : Screws to hold elbow in place, overflow spout