

How To Find and Purchase a Rain Barrel



- Rainwater harvesting is a simple way to make an impact on our water supply. You can use anything from rain barrels, rain tanks, cisterns and sustainable landscaping practices to start saving those precious drops of water.
- Use the guide below to help find and purchase a rain barrel.

Getting A Quality Barrel

Look for the following:

- Barrels or tanks from a reputable rain water tank company.
- Lid that can be easily removed, so the barrel can be cleaned.
- A lid with a screen that can be easily replaced if it becomes ripped or torn.
- Opaque and darker color (lighter and see-through materials will grow algae).
- Metal faucet and overflow.
- A faucet located low down, at the base of the barrel.
- Repurposed instead of recycled or new plastic.
- If using food grade barrels, make sure that they contained no sugar or sweetened foods. In SoCal, these will attract ants.
- Make sure you raise your barrel, at least a foot, and use earthquake strapping to secure it. To learn more, see TreePeople's How To Install a Rain Barrel and How To Maintain a Rain Barrel.

On Line Retailers

Check out the following:

- Gardeners Supply Company
- Home Depot
- Lowes
- Amazon

For a full list of local retailers go to:

<http://www.rainbarrelsintl.com/retailers.asp>

Larger Cisterns and Tanks

Larger systems like cisterns and tanks require professional guidance. If you're interested in a larger system, contact these businesses:

- Terra Bella
- Grey Water Corps

How-to Video

Watch the following video to see a visual of how to install a rainbarrel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZ25MW37wRw>



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