

PROGRAM DETAILS

The **Rain Barrel BMP Reimbursement Program** is a cost share program. In order to receive this benefit:

1. Purchase a new rain barrel with a minimum capacity of 50 gallons.

Option One: Make your purchase locally at the **Waukee Hardware** store.

Option Two: Purchase a new rain barrel from another retailer.

2. Print a copy of the Rain Barrel Best Management Practice (BMP) Reimbursement Program Application at www.Waukee.org or request it in person at the Public Works Building – 805 University.

3. Complete the application and submit a copy of the itemized and dated rain barrel purchase receipt to Public Works.

4. A \$50 reimbursement check will be issued to you, typically within (10) working days.

- **Rain barrels must be purchased during the current program's fiscal year.** (Fiscal Year begins July 1 and runs through June 30)
- This reimbursement program is **available to the first 30 completed applications** received from Waukee residents only.
- The \$50 reimbursement will be on a **one-time basis per utility customer.**
- The rain barrel must be **installed prior to application** for reimbursement, and installation may be verified by City Staff.

For more rain barrel information, visit the City's website at:

<http://www.waukee.org/468/Best-Management-Practices-Reimbursement->

Stormwater Best Management Practice (BMP) Reimbursement applications will be available at Waukee City Hall, the Waukee Public Library and the Waukee Public Works Building.

A Green Initiatives Committee has been assembled to assist in researching sustainable practices and make recommendations to the City Council. As one of the initial steps in becoming more sustainable, the City Council has adopted a mission **“to create a healthier, safer, and environmentally conscious Waukee that encourages and implements sustainable growth practices and maintenance of the community for both the current and future generations.”**

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Stormwater Utility

Rain Barrel Best Management Practice (BMP) Reimbursement Program

Receive a **\$50 rebate** on the purchase of a new rain barrel.
More details inside!

In partnership with:

Waukee Hardware Store



RAIN BARREL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (BMP) REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

GENERAL INFORMATION

The City of Waukee is interested in promoting a practice that reduces stormwater runoff and promotes water conservation. **Waukee Hardware** is participating in the program to provide rain barrels locally.

What is a rain barrel?

Rain barrels are used for collection and storage of rainwater from rooftops by capturing water from a downspout. The water collected in a rain barrel may then be used, at a later time, for watering plants, lawns and gardens. This water would otherwise runoff of your roof through downspouts and become stormwater, picking up pollutants on its way to a storm sewer or waterway.

60 SQUARE FEET OF ROOF WILL FILL A 50 GALLON RAIN BARREL WITH ONLY 1 INCH OF RAINFALL!

RAIN BARREL TIPS

Always keep your rain barrel covered. Even small amounts of water can present a drowning risk for children and pets.

Install the rain barrel on level ground and consider securing it in place to ensure that it does not tip over when it is filled with water and at its heaviest.

Monitor your rain barrel for overflow to avoid damage to your foundation.

Do not drink any water collected by a rain barrel. Roofs pick up contamination from leaves, bird droppings, dust and other airborne material. Rain water harvesting from some roofs – such as old tar and gravel, old asbestos shingles or treated cedar shakes – should not be done.

Use the screen that comes with the rain barrel to prevent debris from clogging your drainage system. It will also eliminate the chance that mosquitoes will pick your rain barrel as a place to breed.

Drain your rain barrel before winter and store it upside down out of the winter elements to keep it clean for the following year.



With a rain barrel, you have the ability to reduce polluted stormwater runoff, conserve water in the dry season and lower your water bill.

A variety of rain barrels and accessories may be ordered online and picked up locally at:

**Waukee Hardware Store
380 6th Street
Waukee, IA 50263**

Visit:

<http://waukee.doitbest.com/>



For pricing information and questions, contact **Waukee Hardware** at:

(515) 987-4574:

waukee.hardware@prodigy.net

FACTS

1 inch of rainfall on a 1,000 square foot roof will yield 623 gallons of water.

American households use about 146,000 gallons of water per year. Of this, among 58% is used outdoors.