

RAIN BARREL BENEFITS

Save

- Conserve water, reduce demand for treated tap water, and save money by lowering your monthly bill.

Happier Plants

- Rainwater, free of the additives in tap water like chlorine and fluoride, is beneficial for plants.
- Rainwater is slightly acidic, helping plants access soil nutrients.
- If your city restricts watering during times of dry weather, a rain barrel can keep your garden thriving.

Building Protection

- Manage moisture around foundations.

Flexibility

- Easily add barrels as your storage needs grow

Reduced Stormwater Runoff

- Rain barrels can divert a limited amount of stormwater from roofs, reducing strains on urban streams and storm sewer systems. Water and pollutants that go down a storm drain in the street go directly to the Red River, not to a waste water treatment facility. Use stored water for plants or slowly drain excess to manage space for the next rain.



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SUPPORTERS



RESILIENT YARD SERIES: RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP



WORKSHOPS

Create a resilient yard to sustain the Red River by building a rain barrel. Workshops include a short presentation on water quality and stormwater runoff. Be ready to take home an empty 55-gallon barrel.

Make Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop

- April 28 or May 7, 2025
- 6–7:30 p.m.
- At a Moorhead Park
- Fee: \$44 or \$40 for Moorhead residents (includes supplies)

Make and Paint Rain Barrel Workshop

Build and customize your rain barrel in this two-day workshop!

- May 14 and 21, 2025
- 6 - 8:30 p.m.
- At the West Fargo Fairgrounds
- Fee: \$69 or \$64 for Moorhead residents (includes supplies)

Pre-registration required through [Moorhead Community Education](https://www.moorheadcommunityeducation.org) online or by calling 218.284.3400



FOR SALE

Assembled Rain Barrel—\$85

(\$10 off by mentioning this brochure deal to us!)

- Blue or white 55-gallon used food grade barrel

Rain Barrel DIY Kit—\$65

- Includes blue or white 55-gallon used food grade barrel, Flexi-fit Diverter, hole saw set, spigot, seals, fill hose, "Do Not Drink This Water" sticker, screws and instructions

Purchase at riverkeepers.org/shop or contact kimberly@riverkeepers.org or 701.356.8915



Orders are seasonally available and require at least a 3 business day notice



RAIN BARREL TIPS

To install, additional tools are required including a drill and screwdriver. Safety glasses and gloves are recommended.



Maintenance

- Check and clear debris from the Flexi-Fit Diverter and gutter occasionally.



- Do not use the rain barrel in the winter to avoid ice damage. Drain and disconnect the barrel before freezing weather to prevent cracks. Water expands when it freezes and can cause a rain barrel to crack.
- Leave faucets open and store the barrel in a sheltered area to avoid wind damage. Strong winds can send an empty barrel rolling away.