Do it Yourself Rain Barrels

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Supplies

all supplies can be purchased at

Flint Brothers Hardware (Newfane, NY)

- Rain Barrel (Can be purchased for \$5 at Mayer Brothers, contact Dave)
- 2 inch schedule 40 PVC 21 inches
- Street 90 elbow schedule 40 PVC
- 9X9 inch screen
- 45 elbow schedule 40 PVC
- ½ inch hose bibb valve
- 2 inch PVC coupler
- 2 inch conduit locknut
- 3/4 inch screws x4
- Fender washers x4
- Cinder Blocks

Tools

- Drill
- 3/4 inch spade bit
- Jigsaw
- Small drill bit pilot hole for screws
- 6 2 ½ hole saw

STEPS



- 1. Measure/ mark 6 inches from the bottom
- 2. Drill the hole with 3/4 inch spade bit
- 3. Thread the hose bibb until tight



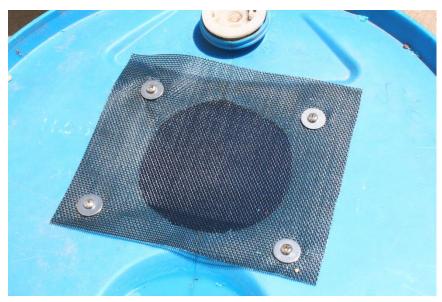
4. Cut a 6 inch diameter hole on top off to the side. Position the hole so the gutter can be placed over it.



- 5. Measure/ mark 6 inches from the top, 90 degrees from the hose bibb. (either side)
- 6. Cut hole with 2 1/2 inch hole saw.
- 7. Insert threaded end of 2 inch pvc coupler
- 8. Attach and tighten 2 inch conduit locknut(on the inside)



- 9. Cut a 21 inch piece of 2 inch pvc pipe
- 10. Attach street 90 elbow to 2 inch coupler
- 11. Attach 21 inch pipe to elbow
- 12. Attach 45 elbow to the end of pvc pipe



- 13. Cut a 9x9 inch piece of screen (to cover the top hole)
- 14. Place over hole, and pre-drill one hole in each corner
- 15. Attach screen with screws and washers (do NOT over tighten)

Installation Suggestions

- Be sure ground is level
- Place barrel on cinder blocks to increase stability.
- Remove barrel during the winter months If you have questions contact: Rich Meyers rmeyers@newfane.wnyric.org