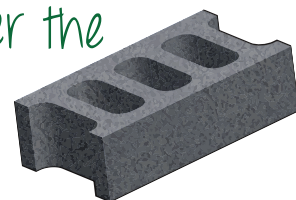


Attach a hose to the threaded overflow to direct excess water away from your foundation and avoid saturating the ground around your house.



Use a gutter guard to keep leaves and pine needles from washing off your roof and into your rain barrel!

Elevate your rain barrel on concrete blocks or an outdoor wood stand. The higher the barrel, the higher the water pressure!



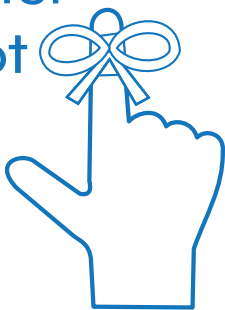
Clean out your rain barrel annually. Drain it and pull it away from the downspout, spray out the inside with a hose, and drain water through an opening.

RAIN BARREL TIPS



Drain your barrel completely before winter and keep the spigot open to prevent cracking.

Remember, rain barrel water should not be used for drinking.



Empty the rain barrel periodically to prevent the water from becoming stagnant.



To prevent mosquitoes, use the all-natural B.t.i. Mosquito Dunks available at home improvement stores.



If your spigot clogs, unscrew it and clean or replace it with a new 3/4 inch spigot.



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