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ART OF  
SAVING  
WATER

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Global Inheritance is a 501c3 non-profit creating experiences which educate individuals about global issues and inspire them to take positive actions.

In the Art of Saving Water, the Rain Supreme exhibit curates California artists to transform rain barrels into creative masterpieces. Exhibits + workshops go beyond promoting rainwater capture and reuse at homes, schools and businesses. The initiative reimagines the way individuals, groups, and municipalities work towards a more water-wise future and encourages everyone to do what they can to save water and “Rain Supreme.”

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# RAIN SUPREME RAIN BARREL TIPS & FACTS

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN CHOOSING A RAIN BARREL

- **SIZE** - Typical rain barrels range from 50 - 60 gallons. First consider how much you are going to collect before deciding how many you will need or want to install. You can even look into larger systems like tanks / cisterns.
- **OPAQUE IN COLOR** - clear barrels allow sunlight to interact with stored water, which can promote bacterial and algae growth.
- **REMOVABLE LID** - allows for easy cleaning.
- **FINE MESH SCREEN** - (underneath the lid) The mesh should be fine enough to not allow mosquitoes to fly in/out of the barrel. It should also be removable for cleaning purposes.
- **BRASS FIXTURES** - for the lower and overflow spigots. Brass fixtures can withstand wear and tear and will not rust. The lower faucet should be near the base of the barrel, so the residual water can be accessed.
- **MADE OF REPURPOSED PLASTIC** - Ensure it is a repurposed food barrel and was not used to store any sweetened foods prior.

## HOW TO PURCHASE A RAIN BARREL

- **RETAILERS** - Amazon.com, Home Depot, Lowes, and garden supply stores carry rain barrels online and in-store. Make sure to check the in-store availability for places like Home Depot, some only carry these in-store as a pre-order and pick-up item.
- **LOCAL TRUCKLOAD SALES** - Reputable manufacturers and organizations (e.g. Rain Barrels International / the rain barrels used for the Rain Supreme project) has truckload sales around the Los Angeles area. These are offered at below-retail value price. You must first pre-order and pay for your barrel(s) and then pick them up at the indicated date/time. Visit [www.rainbarrelsintl.com](http://www.rainbarrelsintl.com) or [www.treepeople.org](http://www.treepeople.org) for a list of sales in your area.
- **CITY / WATER DISTRICT DISTRIBUTIONS** - Certain water municipalities in the LA area will offer rain barrel give-a-ways throughout the year. Check with your water provider's website for details. Residents can qualify for one free rain barrel per give-a-way with proof of residency.
- **INTERESTED IN SOMETHING LARGER (A TANK / CISTERN)?** Check out Hey!Tanks LA, Greywater Action, Greywater Corps, Urban Water Group, or ARCSA for information on tanks and cisterns, which collect larger quantities of water. TreePeople also has a useful how-to guide on finding and purchasing a tank or cistern for your home.

## HOW MUCH WILL A RAIN BARREL COST

- Most rain barrels from the retailers listed above will run between \$65 and \$130.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR A REBATE

- Every water provider in the Los Angeles county area offers rebates for rain barrels and tanks/cisterns.
- The rebates vary depending on your water provider. Usually the rebates cover \$75 or \$100 per barrel, and up to four rain barrels (Santa Monica is an exception, they offer a \$200 rebate for up to 8 barrels). You must be the named party on your home's water bill to submit the rebate.
- Rebates for cisterns are usually \$300.
- Some cities/areas will require you to submit an application of intent to upgrade your home with rainwater harvesting solutions. Santa Monica is one of these cities.
- Be aware that even though the rebate may cover multiple barrels, you can only submit for the rebate once!
- Once you purchase the barrel(s), visit [www.socalwatersmart.com](http://www.socalwatersmart.com) to fill out the application for the rebate and submit your receipt of purchase. Rebate checks are mailed after the application is submitted.
- Rebates are only available for three months after purchasing a barrel or cistern.
- Items purchased must be new and comply with the county's standards to qualify for a rebate. Check [www.socalwatersmart.com](http://www.socalwatersmart.com) for information on the product you are interested in purchasing.

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