



**THE
ART OF
SAVING
WATER**



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, Urban Farmers Store and other 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.
- **PURCHASE DIRECTLY FROM RAIN BARREL COMPANIES** - Reputable organizations (e.g Rain Barrels International - the rain barrels used for the Rain Supreme project) and independent manufacturers offers below-retail value price barrels at local truckload sales and special events. Typically you must first pre-order and pay for your barrel(s) and then pick them up at the indicated time and location. Visit www.rainbarrelsintl.com or www.bluebarrelsystems.com for a list of sales in your area.
- **CITY / WATER DISTRICT DISTRIBUTIONS** - The City of Oakland and the SFPUC organizes free rain barrel and tank giveaways for residents when supplies are available. To take advantage of this benefit, visit www.thewatershedproject.org or sfwater.org for more details.
- **INTERESTED IN SOMETHING LARGER (A TANK / CISTERN)?** Check out HarvestH2o, SFPUC, BAWSCA, 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

- Water providers in the Northern California offers different rebates and discount programs for rain barrels and tanks/cisterns.
- The rebates or discounts vary depending on your water provider. It usually will cover \$50 or \$100 per barrel, and up to two barrels for single-family residential account (American River Basin residents are an exception, they can receive up to \$500 reimbursement).
- Rebate or discount for cisterns is usually \$350.
- Original barrel purchase receipt, photos of each barrel, permit and/or post-installation inspection may be required to be considered a complete application.
- Rebates are typically only available for three months after purchasing a barrel or cistern.
- Be aware that even though the rebate may cover multiple barrels, you can only submit for the rebate once!
- Items purchased must be new and comply with the county's standards to qualify for a rebate or discount. Review the rebates page at bluebarrelsystems.com to see a full list of NorCal Rebate programs. For application and specific guidelines, visit your water provider's website directly.

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