

Order your free rain barrels today!

Visit villageofalsip.org Residents Info, email alsippw@voamail.org or call the Alsip Public Works at (708) 385-6902, ext.364, for an application. Submit your completed application to:

Alsip Public Works
4500 W. 123rd St
Alsip, IL 60803
Fax: (708) 371-8216

Free delivery
55-gallon capacity
Available in four colors



Terra Cotta



Blue



Black



Gray

Includes flexible connecting elbow, linking hose and detailed instructions

You can make a difference to help improve water quality, prevent flooding and save on your water bill!

Disconnecting your downspouts and installing rain barrels will keep clean water out of the sewer system and provide you with a source of free water.

The Village of Alsip is pleased to offer free rain barrels to residents. Please visit villageofalsip.org - Resident Info to obtain an application. For questions, please call Alsip Public Works at (708) 385-6902, ext. 364 or you can email alsippw@voamail.org.



This rain barrel program is a cooperative effort by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and participating communities.



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SAVE WATER PREVENT FLOODING IMPROVE WATER QUALITY

Rain barrels are now available **for free** to Alsip households.



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A smart idea

Rain barrels capture rainwater from your roof and save it for when you need it. By keeping this water out of the sewer system, they can also help prevent sewer overflows and flooding.

You can use rain barrel water to wash your car, water your lawn, or clean work boots and tools. Rain barrel water is naturally free of chlorine, lime, and calcium and some gardeners swear their plants prefer it. However, since rain barrel water is runoff from your roof, do not drink it!

A part of any yard

Most homes can benefit from several rain barrels. If you have areas of unpaved, pervious ground near your downspouts, rain barrels should work in your yard. Homeowners throughout Cook County have incorporated rain barrels into their yards with great results.

Green and upcycled

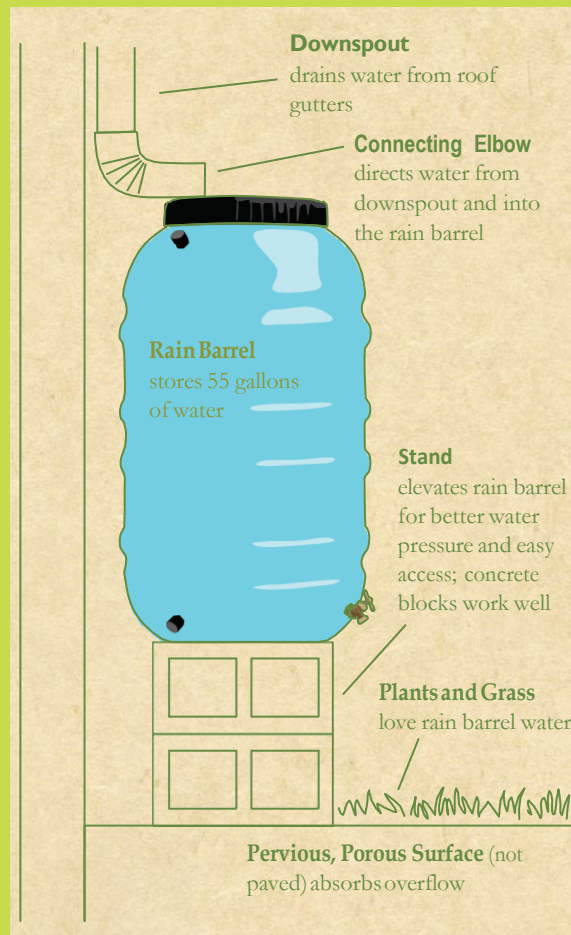
Rain barrels are a type of green infrastructure, a new approach to managing storm water by keeping rain on the property and out of the sewer system.

Our rain barrels are made using repurposed, or upcycled, food barrels so they are doubly green.

Easy to install, easy to use

Installing a rain barrel is easy and only requires a few tools. A connecting elbow and detailed instructions are provided with all rain barrels. Once it is connected, you just need to wait for rain and your barrel will be ready to use.

A rain barrel at work



Requirements to receive free rain barrels

In order to qualify to receive free rain barrels, you must meet a few requirements:

- Live within a community that is participating in the rain barrel program;
- Agree to connect your downspouts and place rain barrels on each downspout, where feasible; and,
- Agree to properly use and maintain your rain barrels.

All Cook County residents may purchase low-cost rain barrels from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. Visit mwr.org to place your order.



Rain Barrel Program

The Village of Alsip has enrolled in the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (MWRD's) new rain barrel distribution program that offers complimentary rain barrels to Cook County residents and organizations.

What are Rain Barrels?

Rain Barrels collect and store rainwater, and they include a system for diverting downspout water into the barrel. They also have an overflow connected to the downspout to divert excess water safely away from the house.

What are the benefits of Rain Barrels?

Water Conservation - Use the water stored in rain barrels to water your lawn, garden or plants.

Reduce Storm Water Runoff - Rain Barrels divert storm water and reduce the strain on our sewer system during major rain storms.

Healthier For Plants - Unlike tap water which contains chlorine, rainwater contains no additives that could be harmful for your plants. The increased acidity in rainwater will also better enable plants to pull nutrients from the soil around them.

What colors are available for Rain Barrels?

The current colors available are terracotta, blue, black and grey.



To learn more, please see our Rain Barrel Information Flyer at villageofalsip.org – Resident Info. If you would like to submit an application for a rain barrel, please download a copy or stop by Public Works Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call at (708) 385-6902 ext 364.



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Free Rain Barrel Program Municipal Application Form for Residents

The Village of Alsip joining with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) is pleased to offer free rain barrels to our residents. Please complete the information needed for delivery. A maximum of four rain barrels may be ordered per address.

Resident's information:

Name: _____

(Please print)

Home address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Number of rain barrels requested (4 max): _____

Rain Barrel Color (indicate #): ___ Terra Cotta ___ Blue ___ Black ___ Gray

Desired delivery days/times: _____

The MWRD shall have the right (including any necessary right of access) in conjunction with the Village of Alsip to conduct a joint annual inspection of the installed rain barrels upon reasonable notice to the Village and the homeowner(s).

The Alsip resident shall return to the Village all/any rain barrels that were delivered by the District in connection with the Rain Barrel Program but for any reason whatsoever were not installed or were subsequently disconnected from a resident's home.

Signature: _____

Please return signed order form to Alsip Public Works Department Attention: Janet.