



# Green Calgary Rain Barrel Information

- Sometimes referred to as a triple outlet model, Green Calgary rain barrels are available in white or blue.
- One tap is included for the lower outlet. A plastic adaptor for a hose and a cap is included for the two upper outlets. A hose kit can be obtained separately at Green Calgary. Place your rain barrel on a stand or cinder blocks so a watering can will be able to fit under the lower tap.
- The lid is completely sealed - safe for young children and small animals.
- Simply cut your downspout 3" above the mesh hole using tin snips.
- The 4" mesh covered hole keeps out mosquitoes and any debris that may be in your downspout.
- When the barrel is full it will overflow, so do not place next to a basement window. The wider outlet will reduce this problem.
- The two upper outlets are design to help with overflow. The barrel comes with a cap and an adaptor which allows you to attach a hose to one of the upper outlets and run it to a thirsty tree or shrub in your yard. Alternatively you could attach another barrel in tandem with triple outlet barrel and also prevent overflow and capture more water.
- To prepare your barrel for winter (and to avoid water freezing and expanding that can crack or warp your barrel) drain your barrel, and then turn your barrel upside down or store your barrel inside.
- The barrel holds 45 gallons, is approximately 2 feet wide by 3 feet tall, and easily fits across backseat of a car.
- Made from a reused food grade barrel that once contained pop syrup or condiments. Food grade barrels cannot be filled with food twice, so we triple wash them then turn them into rain barrels.
- Cinder blocks can be used as a stand, and are available at most hardware stores for a few dollars. Green Calgary also sells rain barrel stands in the spring and summer.
- A 1" rainfall on an average bungalow in Calgary yields 650 gallons of rain, so the 45 gallon barrel fills quickly.
- Since the water flows only by gravity there is not enough pressure to run a sprinkler. Low-flow soaker hoses or hand watering with a watering can are recommended.
- Algae might build up in your barrel, but water with algae in it is completely natural and it is safe to water your plants with.
- If you wish to clean your rain barrel, remove the bung and pressure wash the inside, or take it to a car wash.
- Barrels can be painted. Simply sand it down and apply a coat of primer, any type of paint, and use a sealer. There is also paint designed for plastic deck furniture that doesn't need primer or sealer.
- For barrel repair, please call **The Barrelman Inc.** at 403-969-3786, or email [thebarrelman@telus.net](mailto:thebarrelman@telus.net)
- For barrel recycling, please contact **Great-West Containers: 403-705-0754** or **Friendly Earth: 403-243-1151.**

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