

Step 1: Choose a spot for your rain barrel next to a downspout.

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- **Step 2:** Your barrel needs to sit on a level, sturdy, elevated platform (like cinder blocks or a stand).
- Step 3: Place barrel on the platform next to the downspout and measure 3" above the top of the barrel and mark your downspout accordingly. If using an extender, make sure you measure enough space for it at this stage.
- **Step 4:** Cut off the bottom part of your downspout from where you marked.
- **Step 5:** Store the cut downspout piece to reinstall in the winter season.
- **Step 6:** Lay barrel on its side and screw the brass tap into the lowest outlet. Make sure to screw it in straight to avoid stripping the plastic threads.



- **Step 7:** Place the barrel on the platform under the cut downspout, aligning the downspout (or extender) directly over the mesh at the top of the barrel.
- **Step 8:** Take plastic flat cap and screw into one of the upper outlets on the side of the barrel.
- **Step 9:** Take the longer plastic fitting and screw it into the other side of the barrel. This is the outlet to connect your hose kit.
- **Step 10:** Connect the hose to the side of the barrel, using the metal clamp provided.
- **Step 11:** Direct the open end of the hose at least 6' away from your home's foundation, ideally to a tree or a shrub.

To connect multiple barrels

After Step 9, measure and mark 9" of hose from the clamped end and cut at marked point.

- Use a metal clamp to connect the cut end of hose to the next barrel.
- Repeat this step as needed to connect multiple barrels.
- The last barrel you connect will need at least a 6' hose.

Now go to Step 11 to finish.

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