



# RAIN BARREL FACTS



- ☀ **SAVES \$\$\$ AND ENERGY**
- ☀ **YOU CAN SAVE ABOUT 1300 GALLONS OF WATER DURING THE HOT, PEAK SUMMER MONTHS BY UTILIZING A RAIN BARREL**
- ☀ **ALMOST 40% OF HOUSEHOLD WATER USE DURING SUMMER MONTHS IS FROM WATERING LAWNS AND GARDENS**
- ☀ **RAIN WATER IS IDEAL FOR GARDENS, WATERING FLOWERS, WASHING WINDOWS OR WASHING THE CAR**
- ☀ **PROVIDES AN AMPLE SUPPLY OF “SOFT” WATER FREE OF CHLORINE, CALCIUM OR LIME**
- ☀ **FOR EVERY SQUARE FOOT OF ROOFING & 1” OF RAIN = 0.62 GALLONS OF WATER. THIS MEANS A 10x10 FOOT ROOF WILL FILL YOUR 55 GALLON RAIN BARREL!!**
- ☀ **REDUCES WATER POLLUTION BY PREVENTING STORM WATER RUNOFF WHICH COLLECTS POLLUTANTS SUCH AS OIL, GREASE, BACTERIA, NUTRIENTS AND SEDIMENT FROM ENTERING THE NEAREST STORM DRAIN OR NEARBY STREAM**

Information on Rain Barrels can be found at the following websites:

- <http://www.epa.gov/Region3/p2/what-is-rainbarrel.pdf>
- [http://www.usda.gov/documents/7-31-09\\_Garden\\_Tips\\_Rain\\_Barrels.pdf](http://www.usda.gov/documents/7-31-09_Garden_Tips_Rain_Barrels.pdf)
- <http://bnriverkeeper.org/programs/rain-barrels/>



**Soil and Water Conservation Districts in NYS  
that sell Rain Barrels**

**Albany County SWCD**  
(518) 765-7923

**Allegany County SWCD**  
(585) 268-5840

**Cayuga County SWCD**  
(315) 252-4171

**Chemung County SWCD**  
(607) 739-2009

**Monroe County SWCD**  
(585) 473-2120

**Schuyler County SWCD**  
(607) 535-9650

**Tompkins County SWCD**  
(607) 257-2340