



## ORDER FORM

(if purchased by mail)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Color Choice:

(Indicate quantity of each)

_____	Black	_____	Blue
_____	Gray	_____	Terra Cotta

**PAYMENT:** (Note: Rain barrels must be ordered and paid through UpCycle Products Only!) CASH IS NOT ACCEPTED

### If Paid by Check

(payable to **UpCycle Products, Inc.**)

Blue or Black = \$51.00 each

Terra Cotta or Grey = \$56.00 each

Check enclosed

**Total Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

### If Paid by Credit Card

(includes \$2.50 processing fee)

Blue or Black = \$53.50 each

Terra Cotta or Grey = \$58.50 each

Charge my credit card

MasterCard    Discover    VISA

**Total Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Did you know... that 1 inch of rain falling on 1000 square feet of roof can yield 600 gallons of water? Don't let this free water run away!**

## How to Order

- Online:** [www.upcycle-products.com](http://www.upcycle-products.com)  
(On the right hand side of home page is a section for order forms. Click on the form for Merrillville, IN.)
- Phone:** Call UpCycle Products at (815) 735-9583
- Mail:** Order form UpCycle Products 400 E. Wapella St. Minooka, IL, 60447  
(Include completed order form and payment; do not mail cash)

♦ **ORDER DEADLINE: September 5, 2013**

## Pickup Details

Rain barrels **must** be picked up on:

- ♦ Date: **Thursday, September 12, 2013**
- ♦ Time: **3:00 pm-6:00 pm**
- ♦ Location:  
**Merrillville Public Works Department**  
**13 W. 73rd Avenue**  
**Merrillville IN 46410**

\*\*\*Paid receipt is required to verify purchase information\*\*\*



# Order a Rain Barrel Today!



## Merrillville Stormwater Utility

9111 Broadway, Suite C  
Merrillville, IN 46410  
Phone: (219) 472-8668

These 55 gallon rain barrels are made from recycled food grade barrels. The barrels have a screw on top with one inch holes, screen mesh to keep out debris and mosquitoes, an overflow male hose connection, a drain valve and a connection to attach additional barrels.

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- If you are unable to pick up your rain barrel at the pickup time, please arrange for your barrel to be picked up by a friend, relative, neighbor, etc. We are unable to store unclaimed barrels at our facility.



## What is a Rain Barrel?

A rain barrel is a container that collects and stores rainwater from your roof that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains and streams. This water is typically used to water plants, trees, shrubs and lawns.

### What are the Advantages of a Rain Barrel?

#### Saves You Money

A rain barrel will save most homeowners about 1,300 gallons of water during the peak summer months. Saving water not only helps protect the environment, it saves you money and energy (decreased demand for treated tap water).

#### Helps Reduce Stormwater Pollution

Rainwater stored in rain barrels helps reduce the amount of stormwater runoff and the amount of pollutants that are picked up and carried to storm sewers, creeks and rivers.

#### Conserves Water Supply Resources

Lawn and garden watering make up nearly 40% of total household water use during the summer. Rainwater used from rain barrels helps reduce the amount of water used from underground aquifers.

#### Better for Plants and Gardens

Rainwater stored in rain barrels is a naturally soft water and devoid of minerals, chlorine, fluoride and other chemicals. For this reason, plants respond very well to rainwater. After all, it's what plants in the wild thrive on!



## How to Install your Rain Barrel

- It is a good idea to put your barrel up on a flat, stable platform (concrete blocks, landscaping blocks or other solid support). The added height increases the water pressure and allows you to put a bucket under the spigot to bring water to your indoor plants. A full 55 gallon rain barrel weighs over 450 pounds.
- Install an overflow hose to direct water away from your house foundation for times of high rainfall.
- Locate and install your rain barrel to keep kids safe. Keep your rain barrel lid tight at all times to prevent children, animals and insects from entering or falling in.
- Measure and cut the downspout. Use the existing elbow or a flexible spout attachment to direct the water to the top of the barrel. The end of the downspout should be cut 6-8 inches above the top of the barrel. Downspouts can be cut with a hacksaw. Flexible spouts can be purchased at hardware stores or home centers.
- In the fall, you need to empty your rain barrel and then leave the valve (spigot) open. Remove the cap on the lower fitting. Leave the barrel in place and in the spring just close the valve and install the cap.
- Diverters are available that can easily switch the downspout from filling the barrel to normal operation once the barrel is full.
- More questions on how to use rain barrels can be directed to **UpCycle Products at (815) 735-9583.**

### Disclaimer

With proper installation, maintenance and use, your rain barrel should function properly. The Town of Merrillville assumes no liability for the installation, maintenance, property damage or injury associated with your rain barrel. Do not drink, cook or bathe with water from your rain barrel.