

## Rain barrel Installation Assistance and Accessories

### Diverters/Overflow hose

Overflow hose kit (with sump pump hose)

<http://www.homedepot.com> and search item number 100645330

Instead of using the overflow hose, another option is to connect a “diverter” that will direct rainwater from your downspout and into your barrel. Some of them work automatically (when the barrel is full, the water resumes flowing down the downspout), and others need to be switched manually.

#### Automatic Diverters

Some rain barrel users have recommended the first diverter listed below. When the barrel fills up, the water automatically resumes flowing down the downspout. The other two styles linked below work in a similar fashion.

<http://www.gardeners.com/> (Downspout Diverter, item 33-991)

[http://www.composters.com/rain-barrels/gws-diverter-kit\\_173\\_10.php](http://www.composters.com/rain-barrels/gws-diverter-kit_173_10.php)

<http://www.bayteccontainers.com/gawasa.html>

#### Manual Diverter

This diverter includes a manual switch to direct water to the rain barrel, or to the gutter (allows for easy winterization).

[http://www.aquabarrel.com/product\\_downspout\\_diverter.php](http://www.aquabarrel.com/product_downspout_diverter.php)

#### Large size diverters – if you have over-sized downspouts (these web sites over 2 sizes of diverters):

<http://www.downspoutdiverters.com/>

<http://www.sprucecreekrainsaver.com/diverter.html>

There are additional styles/brands of diverters online as well – please search for “rain barrel diverter”.

#### Installation assistance

Some people requested assistance with installing their rain barrel. Here are some people that can help with installation, for a fee.

- Rick Hodges, 703-527-2824, [rickhodges@verizon.net](mailto:rickhodges@verizon.net) (Area: Arlington, Falls Church, and City of Alexandria)
- Casey Arnold, 703-403-5097, [caseyarnold@cox.net](mailto:caseyarnold@cox.net) (Area: Alexandria and southeastern Fairfax)
- Encompass – Green Residential Remodeling. 211 Mill Street, Vienna, VA 22180. (703) 242-9818. ([www.encompassdb.com](http://www.encompassdb.com))

#### Sources for Barrels

If you would like additional barrels to make more rain barrels, there are some local sources of barrels – please see the links below. Prices and style of barrels vary.

<http://www.novabarrel.com/>

[http://www.abbeydrum.com/prod\\_plastic.htm](http://www.abbeydrum.com/prod_plastic.htm)

<http://washingtondc.craigslist.org/nva/grd/922029050.html>

<http://washingtondc.craigslist.org/doc/grd/917114169.html> (finished rain barrels)

#### Rain barrel pump

Water bed pump works well with sprinkler

<http://www.rainbarrelsource.com/rain-barrel-&-compost-equipment/rain-barrel-equipment/therainwellrainbarrelpump.cfm>

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