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Rain Barrel Benefits



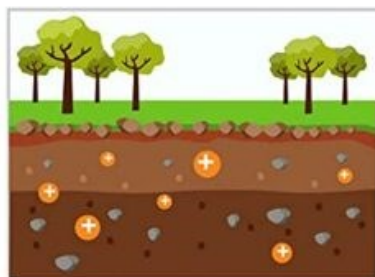
Healthier for your plants. Local rain water is purer (less processed) and is better for plants than municipal water.



Saves you money. Using less municipal water lowers your water bill.



Improves water quality. Rain barrels reduce runoff - which is a major source of pollution, as rainwater pick up litter, chemicals, and other toxic substances from surfaces on its way to sewers.



Prevents soil erosion and soil nutrients from otherwise being washed away from your yard.



Conserves water. Rain barrels recycle stormwater for free, reducing strain on public water supplies.



Useful in a drought. In water-scarce areas, having a full rain barrel comes in handy (for non-potable needs).