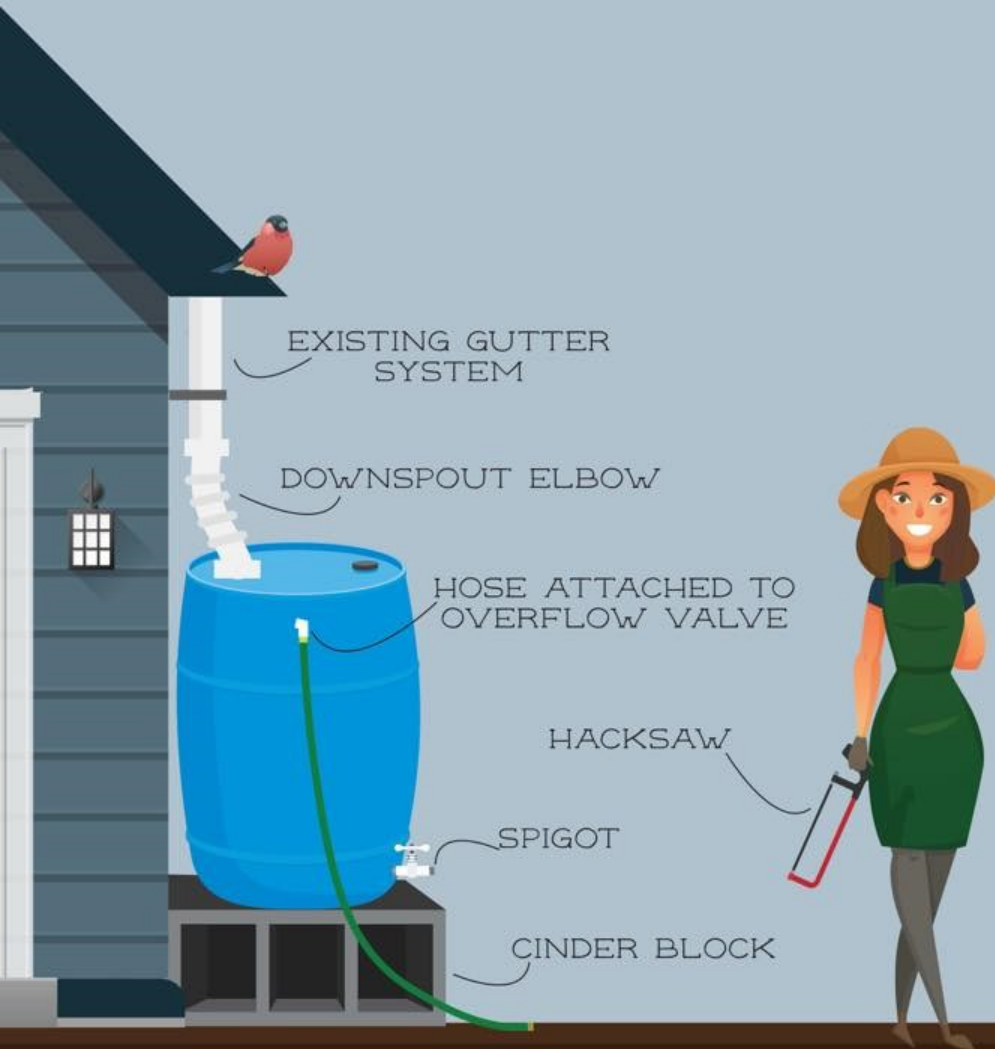


How to Set Up Your Rain Barrel



Supplies Needed

- Hacksaw
- Downspout elbow*
- Cinder blocks OR raised platform

- 1** Place your barrel near the downspout you would like to divert. We recommend elevating it on cinder blocks or some other platform so gravity will help the water flow out of the spigot.
- 2** Disconnect your downspout by sawing it above where the top of the rain barrel will be, leaving room for the downspout elbow to be attached. You may need to temporarily move your rain barrel out of the way to do this.
- 3** Attach the downspout elbow to your freshly cut downspout so that water is directed into the rain barrel through the plastic screen on the top.
- 4** Attach a hose to the overflow outlet and direct the other end to your existing downspout drainage system OR to a vegetated area where the water can soak in.
- 5** Be sure the spigot valve is closed after you have finished installation so that you can begin collecting rainwater. Once it has filled with water, you can attach a hose to the spigot and use the water in your yard!

Join Evansville's Storm Water Management Department in the spring for a chance to receive a free barrel to get you started!

**used to direct water from your downspout into the intake hole at the top of your barrel*

