

Set up a rain barrel to collect and reuse rainwater

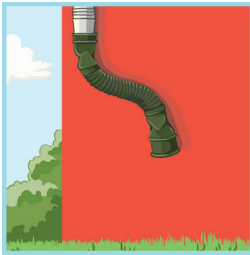
A wide variety of rain barrels are available for purchase at garden centers and home improvement stores, or you can make your own by recycling a (approximately 55 gallon) plastic barrel.

For more information on rain barrels, rain gardens and more on stormwater (including the ordinance prohibiting illegal connection), visit www.lebanon-utilities.com and click on "Stormwater."

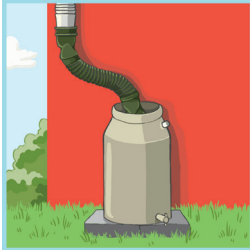
1 DETACH downspout from the side of your house by unscrewing and removing brackets that attach the downspout to the house and gutter. Remove downspout and set aside.



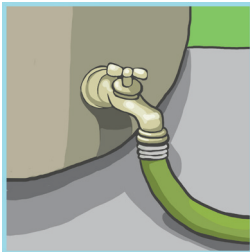
2 MEASURE the end of the gutter and attach a downspout redirector or plastic flex hose that fits correctly and will reach to the barrel.



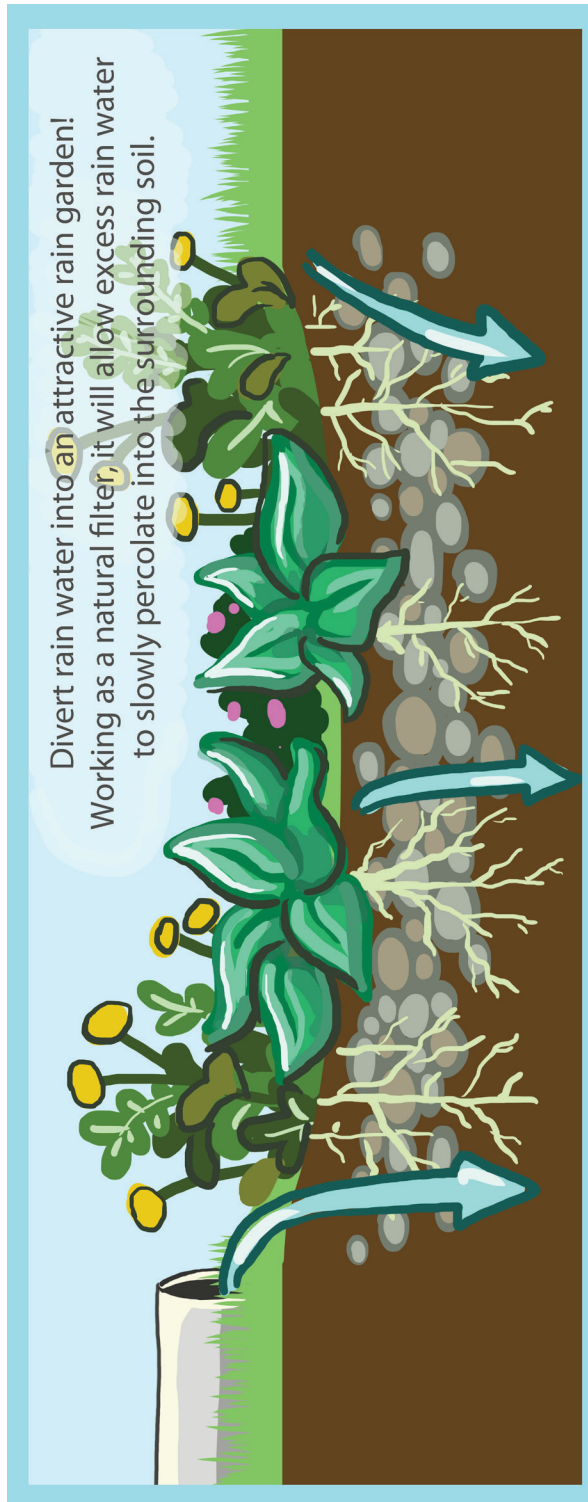
3 INSTALL rain barrel. Because this will get very heavy when full, it is important that the rain barrel be placed upon a reasonably stable surface, such as large concrete blocks.



4 BE SURE to plan how you will be using the water you collect, and leave room to attach a hose and/or spigot.



Divert rain water into an attractive rain garden!
Working as a natural filter, it will allow excess rain water to slowly percolate into the surrounding soil.



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