

How To Install Your New Rain Barrels...

Note: In addition to the fittings supplied with your new Rain Barrel, you will need a length of 1 1/4" I.D. (inside diameter) PVC pipe. If you position your barrel immediately next to your drain, an 8 ft. length will be sufficient. Depending on where you position your barrel, you will need one or more downspout elbow joints. You will also need a small tube of "fix-all" type adhesive (all are available at building supply stores).

Step 1. Determine the location of the Rain Barrel and disconnect the downspout

Check the contents of the plastic bag that was secured and underneath the mesh filter (on top of the Rain Barrel). You should have the following fittings:

1. (2) Taps (1/2")
2. (1) Plug (1 1/4")
3. (1) Overflow adapter (1 1/4")
4. (1) Elbow joint

Cut off the downspout about 5' (five feet) above the ground and attach a downspout elbow (or additional straight and elbow pieces as necessary) so that the water will drain into the top of the barrel.

NOTE: Retain the original downspout in case your rain barrel is removed for any reason in the future (e.g. winterizing)

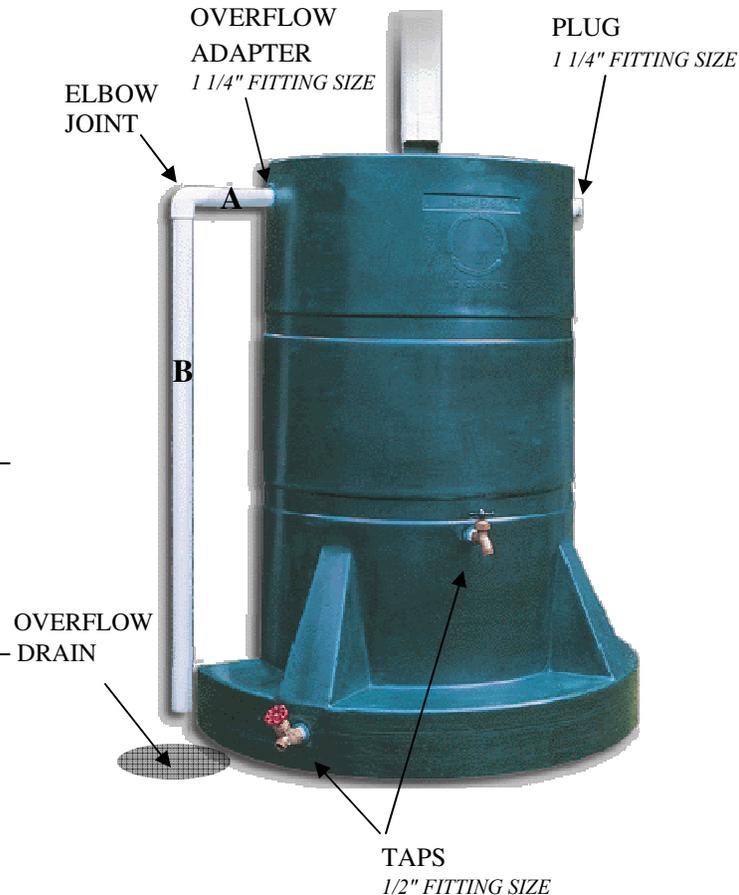
Step 2. Prepare the base and position the Rain Barrel

The Rain Barrel should be placed on a solid base, free of large rocks and tree roots. The ideal base would be made of concrete or compacted gravel. Because the Rain Barrel is a half cylinder shape, it should be positioned against a wall.

Step 3. Connect the fittings and reconnect the overflow to the existing drain

The overflow pipe adapter should be screwed into the outlet (at the top of the barrel) on the side closest to the existing OVERFLOW DRAIN. The PLUG should be screwed into the opposite side. Cut the PVC pipe into 2 pieces. Attach one piece (A) to the overflow pipe adapter. Add the ELBOW JOINT and attach the second piece B to it, so that the overflow water will reach the DRAIN.

Screw in the TAPS (hand tighten only please) and your Rain Barrel is ready to start collecting rain.



TWO IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. The water collected from your roof is Non-potable. It is suitable for drinking by plants only, not by humans.
2. In cold climates, we highly recommend that you winterize your Rain Barrel to prevent cracking of the fixtures. Disconnect it, drain it, and leave the taps open