



FREE RAIN BARREL PROGRAM FOR UNINCORPORATED MAINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY

Maine Township, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD), is pleased to offer free rain barrels to our residents in **Unincorporated Maine Township**. In order to qualify for a free rain barrel you must be an owner/resident of property located in **Unincorporated Maine Township** and the rain barrel must be for use in **Unincorporated Maine Township**.

You are allowed to order up to four (4) free rain barrels. Each rain barrel consist of:

- **55 gallon rain barrel 36" in height**
- **Comes complete with all brass spigot, nuts, gasket with standard garden hose connection**
- **Powder coated stainless steel screen**
- **Child proof locking lid with screws**
- **Two sided connectable overflow hose with hose clip**
- **Overflow connecting feature to the second barrel**
- **Installation and Maintenance Instructions**

Please complete the required Application and Waiver & Release (original signatures are required). The rain barrels will be delivered by a contractor of MWRD directly to your home. Delivery is averaging around 10 weeks once the order has been placed. All residents are responsible for installing the rain barrels themselves.

Click [here](#) for Application and Waiver. Return both forms to Maine Township to the attention of Doriene Prorak, Maine Township, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

If you have any questions, please contact Doriene Prorak at 847-297-2510, Ext. 237.



**MAINE TOWNSHIP/MWRD FREE RAIN BARREL PROGRAM
APPLICATION FORM**



NAME (Please Print): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE NO.: _____ EMAIL: _____

NO. OF BARRELS REQUESTED (LIMIT OF FOUR) _____

COLOR OF BARREL (INDICATE NO.)

GRAY _____ TERRA COTTA _____ BLACK _____ BLUE _____

NOTE: In order for Maine Township to process your order, the requestor must submit a signed "WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS" Form.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

I, _____, own the property located at _____
_____ (“Property”), within Unincorporated
Maine Township. I am participating in the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago’s
(MWRD) Rain Barrel Program (“Program”) and grant permission to MWRD to enter the Property for the
purpose of delivering up to four (4) rain barrels (“Barrels”) at no cost and expense to me. I further
understand that upon notice from Maine Township, I agree to allow the right of access to Maine Township
and MWRD representatives to conduct an annual inspection of the installed Barrels.

I have read this form carefully, and am aware that by signing this form and accepting delivery of the Barrels
at the Property, I am WAIVING and RELEASING all claims arising out of such acceptance. In
consideration of the Township enrolling me in the program, and MWRD delivering the Barrels to me at the
Property, all at no cost and expense to me, I hereby agree as follows:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK OF INJURY AND LOSS

I represent that I have the legal authority to accept delivery of the Barrels at the Property. I acknowledge that
after delivery of the Barrels by MWRD, I am solely responsible for installing, maintaining and using the
Barrels. I recognize and acknowledge that the delivery of the Barrels at the Property involves risks of bodily
injury and property loss. I hereby assume the full risk of any injuries and property loss, and of all expenses,
costs, damages and losses that I may sustain as a result of accepting delivery of the Barrels at the Property.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS: INDEMNITY

I hereby agree to, and do hereby waive, release and relinquish, and indemnify, hold harmless and defend
MWRD, Maine Township, and its current, former or future officers, elected officials, Board of Trustees,
administrators, agents, servants, employees, insurers, successors and assigns from all claims, demands, rights
of action, damages, liabilities, controversies, costs and expenses of every kind, known and unknown, present
and future, against MWRD, Maine Township, and its current, former or future officers, elected officials,
Board of Trustees, administrators, agents, servants, employees, insurers, successors and assigns arising out
of, connected with, or in any way related to my participation in the Program and the delivery of the Barrels at
the Property and any inspection of the Barrels at the Property. I agree that this Waiver and Release of all
Claims shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be binding upon my heirs, legatees, transferees, assigns,
personal representatives, owners, insurers, agents, servants, employees, administrators, executors,
representatives and/or successors in interest of any kind whatsoever.

I have read and fully understand the above WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS and execute it of
my own free will and without any reservation whatsoever.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

OWNER

Printed Name: _____

Installing a rain barrel is easy and only requires a few tools. A connecting elbow and detailed instructions are provided with all rain barrels.

[Rain Barrel Installation Video](#)

[Installation Instructions](#)

Required tools: Hacksaw, tape measure, goggles, gloves, pen or pencil

Recommended materials: 7'-10' garden hose, concrete blocks and/or pressure treated wood

1. Designate Space and Place Your Barrel

Rain barrels need to be located near a downspout and on level, pervious (water-absorbing - not paved) ground.

Your rain barrel will overflow during heavy rain, so be sure you can direct overflow to pervious ground and away from your home and your neighbor's home.

Placing your rain barrel on a stable platform will help increase water pressure and make it easier to use a watering can or bucket. Concrete blocks or pressure-treated wood work well for platforms. A full rain barrel weighs approximately 500 pounds, so make sure the platform is sturdy!

If you have a favorite watering can, adjust your platform to make sure it will fit comfortably under the spigot.

2. Measure and Cut

Once your rain barrel is in place, position the flexible elbow (included with your rain barrel) on the barrel and next to the downspout to determine where to cut. The elbow should be aimed at the screened opening on the top of the rain barrel, and the downspout must be inserted about 2" into the elbow. For most installations, it works well to cut the downspout about 8" above the top of the barrel.

Keep in mind that the downspout will need to be inserted a couple inches into the connecting elbow. Mark the downspout with a pen or pencil where you will be cutting it.

Once you are sure where to cut, put on your safety goggles and gloves and cut the downspout with a hacksaw.

3. Connect Elbow to the Downspout

Connect the flexible elbow to the cut downspout by inserting the downspout into the elbow and positioning it so water will flow into your rain barrel.

4. Connect Garden Hose to Overflow Fitting

Connect a garden hose to the overflow fitting and direct it away from your house. Depending on the location of your rain barrel and your yard, this hose may need to be at least 7' to 10' long.

5. Cap Off Old Downspout

Cap off the old downspout location on the ground to prevent it from becoming an animal's nest or clogged with debris.