

IS A PERMIT REQUIRED?

The Rain Barrel does not require a permit. However, every person, residential property owner, and residential property occupant shall comply with the standards in regards to the use of Rain Barrels within the Village of Glendale Heights as adopted by Ordinance 2011-24. See “ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS.”



RESOURCE LINKS

- σ www.glendaleheights.org/goes_green.org
- σ www.preservingeverydrop.org
- σ www.dupageco.org/stormwater
- σ www.scarecoed.org
- σ www.theconservationfoundation.org

Mission Statement

THE GLENDALE HEIGHTS DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRIVES TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION BY ADOPTING AND ENFORCING CURRENT CODES AND STANDARDS IN A UNIFORM AND UNBIASED MANNER, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A SAFE, HEALTHY AND ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITY FOR ALL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS.



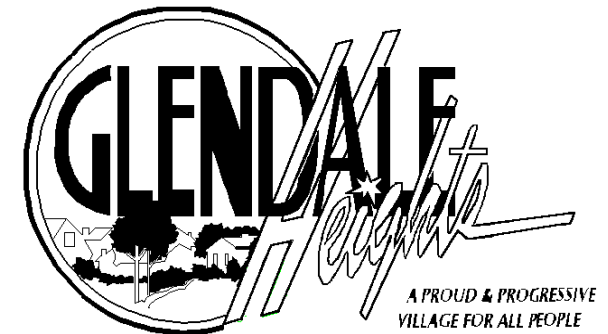
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RAIN BARRELS

WHAT IS A RAIN BARREL?

A Rain Barrel is simply a large container used to collect and store rainwater runoff, typically from rooftops. Instead of running down driveways and sidewalks to sewers, rainwater falls into a rain barrel where it can be stored for use in gardens and for house plants. They are a simple, efficient, low-cost method for homeowners to conserve water.

WHY ARE THEY BENEFICIAL?

- σ Save \$\$\$ Money! Lower water bills by using FREE rainwater from your rain barrel.
- σ Good for the Environment. Preserve rain before it runs down driveways, sidewalks where it may transport pollutants like fertilizers, pesticides, motor oil, etc., to our local rivers and streams.
- σ Storm Water Management. Conserve the rain that falls on properties to reduce the stress on rivers and streams, which can help reduce flooding.
- σ Plants prefer rain water. Collecting the mineral-rich and chlorine free rain can pay off when used on gardens and houseplants.

ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-24

SECTION: 4-20-1:

Every person, residential property owner, and residential property occupant shall comply with the following standards in regards to the use of rain barrels within the Village of Glendale Heights.

A. Type and Size

1. The rain barrel unit or device, whether constructed or manufactured, may vary in style, but shall function as a collector of rooftop rain water for reuse purposes; and
2. The unit or device shall have a secure lid; and
3. The unit or device's opening shall be protected by a double screen; and
4. The capacity or volume of the unit or device shall not exceed sixty-five (65) gallons; and
5. The unit or device shall have an overflow hose affixed to the upper portion of it to allow release of excess water; and
6. The exterior of the unit or device shall not be painted or decorated in such a manner that is inconsistent with the surrounding area or offensive to the general senses of the neighboring properties.

B. Location:

1. The unit or device shall only be allowed upon properties zoned residential or upon properties whose use is consistent with that of a property zoned residential; and

2. The unit or device shall only be located in an interior side yard or the rear yard of a property. A variance obtained pursuant to the provision of the Glendale Heights Zoning Ordinance is required to locate a unit or device in any other location upon a property.

C. General Requirements:

1. The unit or device's overflow hose shall be directed safely away from it, and shall not obstruct or drain upon a neighboring property; and

2. The unit or device may be elevated by a concrete, wood, or brick paver platform, if required. The platform shall not exceed eight inches (8") to twelve (12") inches in height; and

3. The unit or device shall not be connected directly to the gutter. A maximum five inch (5") air gap shall separate the gutter and the unit or device's lid to provide easy access to clean the screening and to prevent ice damming in the event the unit or device is not properly winterized; and

4. Only one unit or device is permitted upon a property. A variance obtained pursuant to the provisions of the Glendale Heights Zoning Ordinance is required for more than one unit or device.