

Instructions for Setting up a Rain Barrel

Tools & Material List

2 cinder blocks, 2' level, hacksaw or metal shears, shovel or garden hoe, 3-4" Flex-A-Spout or gutter extensions and elbows (must match the size of your gutters), five gallon bucket of crushed stone or small river rocks

Step 1 – Prepare Ground

- Select the gutter downspout under which you want to place the Rain Barrel
- Use shovel or garden hoe to level the ground directly under the down spout (approximately 16" x 16")
- Place two cinder blocks together on the leveled spot
- Place crushed stone or river rocks around the edges of the blocks, extending out as far as the supply of stone allows

Step 2 – Set up Barrel

- Place completed barrel on top of cinder blocks making sure that ¾" faucet hose outlet extends past cinder blocks
- Use permanent marker to mark a line on the downspout for cutting it off above the Rain Barrel. The level at which you plan to cut the downspout must be high enough above the barrel to allow for connection from the downspout to the barrel. We suggest that you make a dry run by first placing downspout connection pieces (Flex-A-Spout or gutter extension & elbows) in the barrel and against precut downspout before cutting off downspout.
- Use hacksaw or shears to cut off downspout
- Attach Flex-A-Spout or gutter extension to Rain Barrel and downspout
- Sheet metal screws can be used to permanently attach Flex-A-Spout to the downspout