

# Rain Barrel Care Instructions

## **In Spring (when temperatures are high enough to avoid frozen barrels)**

- Close the drain at the spigot (unless you have a hose connected)
- Clean your removable filters of debris or leaf litter (top and overflow/side)

## **Monthly**

- Clean your removable filters of debris and leaf litter

## **Winter (when temperatures are below freezing)**

- Open the drain/spigot at the base of the barrel, and empty prior to any deep freeze periods
- Scrub clean the top filter under the removable screen if there is significant leaf litter buildup or algae present.

**REMEMBER: “BEFORE IT RAINS IT’S TIME TO DRAIN” – EMPTY YOUR RAIN BARREL BEFORE EVERY PREDICTED RAIN EVENT**

We understand the desire to keep rainwater in An empty rain barrel will be more effective at keeping stormwater pollution out of our storm drains and the River. So remember “before it rains it’s time to drain” your barrel!