

SAVING WATER FOR A NOT-SO-RAINY DAY



Preparing your lawn and garden for the spring is a good time to consider saving water. Luckily, one way to save both water and money is provided free-of-charge by Mother Nature.

Rainwater harvesting is the capture and storage of rainwater for later use. It is a great way to help conserve existing water resources, decrease the risk of run-off, erosion, contaminated surface water and flooding all while reducing your utility bills.

Rainwater is ideal for watering your lawn, plants and vegetable gardens because it is free of salts, disinfectant by-products, harmful minerals and other contaminants. Proper treatment, such as UV or ozone, can even make rainwater into safe drinking water. With in-home systems, it can extend the life of appliances by preventing scales from forming on them.

Professionally manufactured harvesting storage containers are available on the market in a range of sizes — from barrels that are a few gallons to tanks that can hold thousands of gallons.

You don't need to spend a lot of money to capture your own rainwater. Harvesting systems can be as simple as a bucket placed under the downspout of your home gutters or a children's wading pool. Some cities even offer incentives to installing harvesting systems.



While we're enjoying a wetter than normal spring, consider a home rain harvesting system and begin to harvest water for a not-so rainy day.