

Water Conservation

TIP #13



RAIN: WHAT CAN IT DO FOR YOU?

Across the world, rain is an essential part of supplying communities with water. In Europe, captured rainwater supplements potable and non-potable water needs in commercial and residential buildings. In parts of the Caribbean and Australia, rainwater harvesting is mandatory for survival.

So why not us?

BENEFITS:

- Reduce your demand on the water system especially during the summer months,
- Reduce soil erosion by capturing surface runoff and storing it for future use,
- Provide plants with untreated, chlorine- free water,
- Use untreated water for flushing toilets and irrigation systems.

WHERE TO START?

On our website, we offer instructions on “How to Build Your Own Rainbarrel” that can get you started toward your rainwater goals. Local nurseries and hardware stores also sell anything from rain barrels to large underground water storage tanks.



For other water conservation information please contact SCRD Water Conservation at 604-885-6806 or visit www.scrd.ca.