

# SETTING UP YOUR SINGLE OUTLET BARREL

**Step 1:** Choose a spot for your rain barrel next to a downspout.

**Step 2:** Your barrel needs to sit on a level, sturdy, elevated platform (like cinder blocks or a stand).

**Step 3:** Place rain barrel on the platform next to the downspout.

**Step 4:** You will need to cut out a 6” section of your downspout.

**Step 5:** Measure this 6” section of the downspout at least 24” above rain barrel.

**Step 6:** Cut out the marked 6” section, to avoid damaging siding.

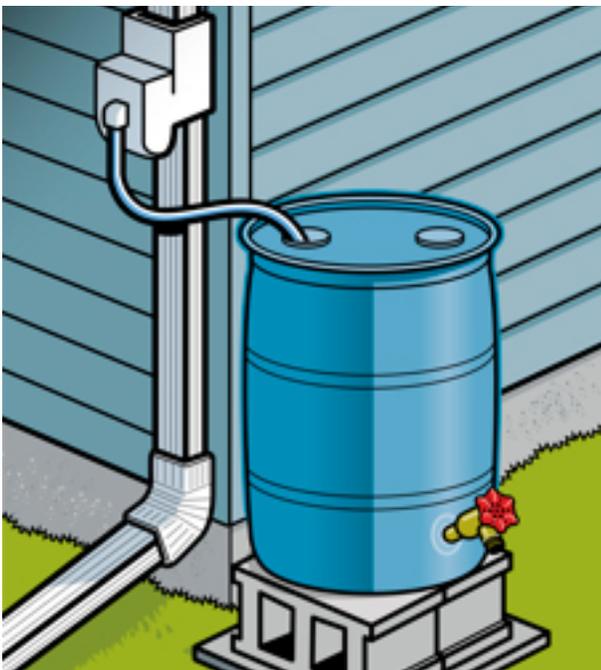
**Step 7:** Carefully place diverter into the section where you’ve removed the 6” of your downspout.

**Step 8:** Attach the white hose to the round outlet on the diverter kit.

**Step 9:** Insert the other end of the hose into the open hole on the top of your barrel. Make sure it’s nice, snug and won’t come out!

**Step 10:** Lay barrel on its side and screw in the brass tap straight in to avoid stripping the plastic threads. For a water tight seal, wrap the threaded part of the tap with Teflon tape first.

**Step 11:** Store the red cap that comes with the diverter kit for when it’s time to winterize your rain barrel.



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# SETTING UP YOUR TRIPLE OUTLET BARREL

**Step 1:** Choose a spot for your rain barrel next to a downspout.

**Step 2:** Your barrel needs to sit on a level, sturdy, elevated platform (like cinder blocks or a stand).

**Step 3:** Place barrel on the platform next to the downspout and measure 3" above the top of the barrel and mark your downspout accordingly. **If using an extender, make sure you measure enough space for it at this stage.**

**Step 4:** Cut off the bottom part of your downspout from where you marked.

**Step 5:** Store the cut downspout piece to reinstall in the winter season.

**Step 6:** Lay barrel on its side and screw in the brass tap straight to avoid stripping the plastic threads. For a

water tight seal wrap the threaded part of the tap with Teflon tape first.

**Step 7:** Place the barrel on the platform under the cut downspout, aligning the downspout (or extender) directly over the mesh at the top of the barrel.

**Step 8:** Take plastic flat cap and screw it into one side of the barrel.

**Step 9:** Take the longer plastic fitting and screw it into the other side of the barrel. This is the outlet to connect your hose kit.

**Step 10:** Connect the hose to the side of the barrel, using the metal clamp provided.

**Step 11:** Direct the open end of the hose at least 6' away from your home's foundation, ideally to a tree or a shrub.



## TO CONNECT MULTIPLE BARRELS

**After Step 9,** measure and mark 9" of hose from the clamped end and cut at marked point.

- Use a metal clamp to connect the cut end of hose to the next barrel.
- Repeat this step as needed to connect multiple barrels.
- The last barrel you connect will need at least a 6' hose.

**Now go to Step 11 to finish!**

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