

Rainwater can help improve the health of your gardens, lawns, and trees. It provides an ample supply of free 'soft water' to homeowners, containing no minerals, chlorine, fluoride, lime or calcium. For this reason, plants in your garden will respond very well to rainwater. After all, it's what plants in the wild thrive on!

Protects your home from water damage:

A rain barrel can also help reduce the amount of water that may settle around the foundation of your home.

Helps recharge ground water naturally:

Using stored water collected in rain barrels for lawn and garden use prevents it from running off into storm drains and allows it to infiltrate back into the ground water.

How much rainwater can I collect?

A typical 1/2-inch rainfall will fill a 50- to 55- gallon barrel.

How do I Prepare Barrels for Winter?

Ice inside will cause damage. Open all spigots and hoses so water will not accumulate. Store barrel upside down and reattach your downspout or take barrel inside and reattach downspout.



How Do I Assemble & Install a Rain Barrel?

IF YOU WISH TO LEARN HOW TO ASSEMBLE & INSTALL A RAIN BARREL TO YOUR DOWNSPOUT, ATTEND A GVC RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP OR BECOME A GVC MEMBER PLEASE SEE CONTACT INFORMATION ON THE BACK PAGE

OR SEND IN THE SIGN UP SHEET LOCATED WITHIN THIS BROCHURE.

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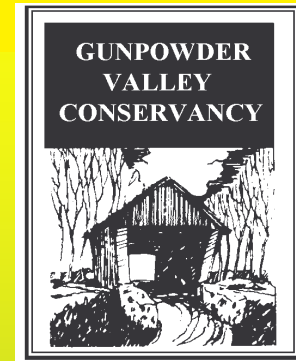
If you are attending a workshop and purchasing a rain barrel, we will accept check or cash payments.

You may bring your payment directly to the workshop or you may mail checks 2 weeks ahead. If you would like to attend the workshop for educational purposes only (not purchasing a rain barrel), and would like to support the GVC in its educational activities, you may make a donation by cash or check.

For More Information on the Jennifer Branch Project go to:

www.jenniferbranch.org

**RAIN BARRELS
& The Jennifer
Branch**



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RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP REGISTRATION & ORDER FORM

(Just Tear off and Mail In)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Workshop _____

**For the Jennifer Branch
Preservation Project 50% of the Cost of
the Rain Barrel is
Covered!**

Please Check the Box Next to Your Order
Make Checks Payable to
Gunpowder Valley Conservancy

**Pre-Assembled barrel—
COST**

- GVC Members (Reg. \$60) Your Cost \$30!
 Non-member (Reg. \$75) Your Cost \$37.50!

Workshop Barrel—Includes the kit
for assembly at the workshop.

COST

- GVC Members (Reg. \$50) Your Cost \$25!
 Non-members (Reg. \$60) Your Cost \$30!

Date of Order: _____

- Would you like GVC to assist with your
Rain Barrel installation?

If you ordered a barrel to be pre-assembled,
your order will be completed within four weeks of
your request and payment. Please call ahead to
arrange for pick up by calling 410-668-0118.

Become A Member

**Yes! I want to join the Gunpowder Val-
ley Conservancy** I have enclosed a tax-
deductible check for: [] \$35 [] \$ 50
[] \$100 [] \$150 [] \$200 [] _____ Other

How Rain Barrels Help You & the Jennifer Branch Preservation Project

What is the Jennifer Branch Preser- vation Project?

The project is a joint effort between non-
profits, local churches, and community
groups which will focus its efforts in Car-
ney and Cub Hill. The partners will
educate and assist you in



various ways to beautify your yard while
saving you money and improving the
health of the Jennifer Branch Stream!
Funding for this project was provided by
the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
through a grant awarded to the Gunpow-
der Valley Conservancy in order to assist
in the restoration of Jennifer Branch and
its watershed.

What is a Rain Barrel?

A rain barrel is container that collects
and stores rain water from your roof and
downspout, usually in a
55 gallon drum. It is
installed at the down-
spout closest to the
area where you will
need to water, such as
next to a garden. And
it is relatively simple
and inexpensive to con-
struct.



Why Are Rain Barrels Important?

“ Their greatest benefit is in reducing
storm water runoff into the Jennifer
Branch Watershed and the Chesapeake
Bay.



“ They help to
keep local water-
ways clean, minimizing erosion / sedimenta-
tion and pollution to our streams and bay.
“ Therefore, a rain barrel is an easy way
for you to have a consistent supply of clean,
fresh water for outdoor use, FREE, and an
easy way for you to help save Jennifer
Branch and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay!
**Saves homeowners money by reducing
water and electricity costs:**

“ A rain barrel will save most homeowners
about 1,300 gallons of water during the
peak summer months.

“ Saving water not only helps protect the
environment and your home, it saves you
money and energy (decreased demand for
treated tap water).

“ Rain barrel use reserves your water for
drinking and lessens the stress on municipal
or well water systems.

“ Consider this, a one inch rain-storm pro-
duces 700 gallons of water runoff from the
average home roof. That is equal to 17
baths or 58 showers!

**Collects “soft water” which is healthier
for plants:**

“ Lawn and garden watering make up
nearly 40% of total household water use
during the summer.

