

## Order Yours Today!

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Order: \_\_\_\_\_

Barrel @ \$30.50 each (Only for city residents who live within city limits and pay stormwater fees). One per household at this price)

# Barrels @ \$59.50 each (City residents for additional barrels)

### Color Choice

(Indicate quantity. Terra Cotta by default):

_____ Black	_____ Blue
_____ Gray	_____ Terra Cotta

### Payment:

Rain Barrel fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Cash is not accepted.

- Check enclosed  
(make payable to UpCycle Products)
- Charge my credit card (additional \$2.50 applies)
- MasterCard    Discover    VISA

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

The rain barrels are made from re-cycled food grade barrels. The barrels have a screw on top with one inch holes, screen mesh to keep out debris and mosquitoes, an overflow male hose connection, a drain valve and a connection to attach additional barrels.

*Did you know 1 inch of rain falling on 1000 square feet of roof can yield 600 gallons of water? Why let this free water run away! Collect it using rain barrels and use the water to water your lawn, garden, wash your car, and even top your pool!*

- ◆ 55 Gallon rain barrels are for sale to City of Portage residents for \$30.50 each.
- ◆ Only 1 barrel per household at reduced price (\$30.50 each). Additional barrels may be ordered at regular price (\$59.50 each).
- ◆ Only 135 barrels with reduced price (\$30.50 each) are available for this year's program. Once the quota is met, barrels may be ordered at regular price (\$59.50 each).
- ◆ Orders and payments will be accepted via the following methods:
- ◆ Order online at <https://upcycle-products.com/in-programs/prt/>
  - On the right hand side of home page is a section for order forms. Click on the form for Portage, IN.
  - Call UpCycle Products at 815-735-9583.
  - Mail order form to UpCycle Products PO Box 315, Channahon, IL 60410 Order form must accompany payment.
- ◆ Check or charge is acceptable. Checks should be made payable to UpCycle Products. If orders are placed online and/or using credit card, an additional fee of \$2.50 will be charged. Please do NOT mail cash.
- ◆ Mail Orders are due by April 17, 2026.
- ◆ Online Order are due by April 19, 2026
- ◆ Questions on this program can be directed to City of Portage Utility Service MS4 Program at 219-763-2986 or
- ◆ [kegolf@portage-in.com](mailto:kegolf@portage-in.com)

## City of Portage Rain Barrels For Sale - \$30.50



### MS4 Stormwater Program

Portage Utility Service-Field Forces

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Portage, IN 46368

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# Rain Barrels - A great addition to every home

## What is a Rain Barrel?

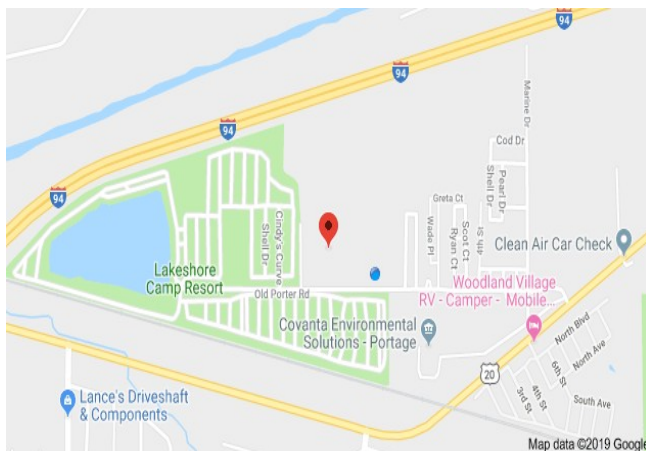
A rain barrel is a system that collects and stores rainwater from your roof that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains and streams.

## Using Rain Barrel Water

- ◆ Water your flowers, trees, shrubs, and lawn.
- ◆ Wash your car; rinse tools or muddy boots.
- ◆ Top your pool.
- ◆ Do not drink, cook or bathe with water from your rain barrel.

## Pickup Time and Location

- ◆ Time: April 22, 2026, 7: 00am - 5: 00pm.
- ◆ Location: Portage Utility Service (5590 Old Porter Rd Portage, IN 46368).
- ◆ **If you are unable to pick up your rain barrel at the pickup time, please arrange for your barrel to be picked up by a friend, relative, neighbor, etc. All unclaimed barrels will be donated after 60 days after pickup date.**



## What are the Advantages of a Rain Barrel?

### It Saves You Money

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, it saves you money and energy (decreased demand for treated tap water).

### Helps Reduce Stormwater Pollution

Rainwater stored in rain barrels helps reduce the amount of stormwater runoff and the amount of pollutants that are picked up and carried to storm sewers, creeks and rivers.

### Conserves Water Supply Resources

Lawn and garden watering make up nearly 40% of total household water use during the summer. Rainwater used from rain barrels helps reduce the amount of water used from underground aquifers.

### Better for Plants and Gardens

Rainwater stored in rain barrels is a naturally soft water and devoid of minerals, chlorine, fluoride, and other chemicals. For this reason, plants respond very well to rainwater. After all, it's what plants in the wild thrive on!

## Disclaimer

With proper installation, maintenance and use, your rain barrel should function properly. The City of Portage assumes no liability for the installation, maintenance, property damage or injury associated with your rain barrel.

## Rain Barrel Instructions

- ◆ It is a good idea to put your barrel up on a flat, stable platform (concrete blocks, landscaping blocks or other solid support). The added height increases the water pressure and allows you to put a bucket under the spigot to bring water to your indoor plants. A full 55 gallon rain barrel weighs over 450 pounds.
- ◆ Install an overflow hose to direct water away from your house foundation for times of high rainfall.
- ◆ Locate and install your rain barrel to keep kids safe. Keep your rain barrel lid tight at all times to prevent children, animals and insects from entering or falling in.
- ◆ Measure and cut the downspout. Use the existing elbow or a flexible spout attachment to direct the water to the top of the barrel. The end of the downspout should be cut 6-8 inches above the top of the barrel. Downspouts can be cut with a hacksaw. Flexible spouts can be purchased at hardware stores or home centers.
- ◆ In the fall, you need to empty your rain barrel and then leave the valve (spigot) open. Remove the cap on the lower fitting. Leave the barrel in place and in the Spring just close the valve and install the cap.
- ◆ Diverters are available that can easily switch the downspout from filling the barrel to normal operation once the barrel is full.
- ◆ More questions on how to use rain barrels can be directed to UpCycle Products at 815-735-9583.