

Average household reduction of CO₂ emissions: 214 pounds a year

How

Sign up for a rain barrel workshop with Bridging The Gap. For \$35 you will receive all your supplies and hands-on instruction and help as you build your barrel. Visit www.bridgingthegap.org or e-mail Jessica.gonzales@bridgingthegap.org for more information or to sign up.

Why

Using water collected from a rain barrel, an average household can save in energy costs and thousands of gallons of water. It only takes 1/4 inch of rainfall runoff from the average roof to completely fill the typical 55-gallon barrel. Rain water contains no chlorine, lime or calcium and has fewer sediments and dissolved salts than municipal water. It is ideal for a variety of tasks including watering gardens or indoor plants, washing automobiles, flushing toilets and cleaning windows.