

# *The Benefits of Rain Barrels:*

## 💧 Gardens love rain water!

Rainwater is naturally free of chlorine, fluoride, and other chemicals, keeping a natural balance for micro-organisms that help your plants thrive.

## 💧 Conserve water

Reduce tap water use by collecting up to 600 gallons (2000 litres) of rainwater for every inch of rain that falls on a 1000 square foot roof.

## 💧 Reduce erosion

Diverting water to rain barrels will reduce run-off and less water will enter the steep ravines of the Coves. This means less sediment is carried to the ponds.



## 💧 Reduce the amount of raw sewage that enters the Thames River

Some storm sewers are connected to sanitary sewers. During storm events the sewers combine and raw sewage ends up in our rivers.