Making your own Rain Barrel



A recycled and clean 50 gallon barrel (non toxic use preferred) is recommended.

Cut a hole in the top of the barrel to fit a mesh colander, strainer or screen (the strainer or screen will keep leaves and bugs out).

Use a 1" hole saw to core a hole at the bottom of the barrel. The ¾" PVC coupling is used as a nut on the inside of the barrel. The 1" rubber and steel washers on the outside of the barrel are used to make a water tight seal for the ¾" spigot.









Use a proper size hole saw (2" max) to core a hole at the top side of the barrel for the over flow. The 1 %" PVC male adapter with the 1 %" O ring on the inside of the barrel is used to make a water tight seal for the hose adapter.









More info and a Do It Yourself video can be found on the Sustainable Neenah website. Total cost = \$20 - \$25.

http://www.ci.neenah.wi.us/departments/sustainable-neenah-committee.html