

# The Storm Informer

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## Catch the Spring Rain

This one should bring back memories for some folks. Maybe your grandparents had one, or maybe you remember the children's song lyric "Look down my rain barrel."

Rain barrels are a great way to catch water for your lawn and garden needs. Rain Barrels also hold water back during a storm, allowing it to slowly be let out to prevent local flooding. They provide a water source that is free of harsh chemicals used to treat tap water, and best of all, the price of the water is **FREE!**

Rain barrels can be found at some home and garden stores, and many websites turn up by searching "rain barrel" on the internet if you are short on time, but they are easily constructed on a limited budget. They can be made from old wood barrels, or durable plastic drums. For more ideas and information, just search the web for "rain barrel" with your favorite search engine, and be sure to call the Clark County Soil and Water conservation district office if you need any technical advice. Or visit the website below for helpful links...

<http://www.iaswcd.org/PWQ/PathwayBarrel.htm>

## Facts & Figures



***Rain barrels are a great addition to any lawn and garden expert's tools!***

**Fact:** Rain barrels can hold back water displaced by a roof and **prevent** local **flooding**.

**Fact:** A rain barrel with a good lid and sealed opening around a downspout provides **no place** for mosquitoes to breed.

**Fact:** Rain barrels provide a **chemical free** soft water for lawn and garden use.

**Project:** Build a simple rain barrel to save on water bills: Details on page 1

\* photo courtesy Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts website

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## Your Guide to Storm Water in Clark County

### WHAT CAN I DO?

**Build or Buy:** A good rain barrel to catch water and do your part to help prevent flooding in your neighborhood.

**Help:** Spread the word to neighbors about a rain barrel's low cost water and how they reduce flooding.

### More Information

**Sellersburg:** In the spring, summer and fall the Town will provide dumpsters at the waste water treatment plant located at 701 Bean Road, for yard waste. Watch local newspapers for information. In Fall, leaf pickup is on a weekly basis.

**Jeffersonville:** Yard waste will be collected on the same day as your trash pick up. Yard waste must be placed in brown paper lawn bags or a trash container marked "yard waste" (no plastic bags). Do not mix trash in with yard waste. No dirt or rocks. Any questions can be addressed by the Stormwater Hotline: 812-280-4730.



*Ladies and Gentlemen, its spring, start those engines!*

#### Water Web

Did you know that you can learn about storm water issues in Clark County in the comfort of your own home? In addition to agricultural facts, the Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District website ([www.clarkswcd.org](http://www.clarkswcd.org)) has a lot of information on what is being done in our cities and towns to deal with storm water issues. There is even a cool page for kids to cruise around to learn more about water management in Clark County. From Jeffersonville to Sellersburg, Clarksville to Clark County, no matter where you live, you can learn.

### Community Hotlines

If you have questions or concerns about stormwater issues or stormwater quality in your neighborhood, there are contacts in each community to help you.

Clarksville 812-288-7155, ext. 334

Jeffersonville 812-280-4730

Sellersburg 812-246-3821, ext. 6

Clark County 812-256-2330, ext. 3



Clark County



Clarksville



Jeffersonville



Sellersburg



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