

Foreword

Collect rain thoughtfully. Inspect the barrel before each season.

MEASURING A RAIN BARREL

Planning

Measure the space and choose a stable, level base.

Inlet screens

Fit a fine inlet screen to keep leaves out of the barrel.

Check the mesh every week during autumn.

Winter preparation

Drain and disconnect the barrel before the first hard frost.

Overflow routing

Route the overflow hose away from the building foundation.

Seasonal summary

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This summary repeats advice; use the main discussion for the index.