

Get your rain barrel ready for winter!

Why Winterize?

With the freezing and thawing that occurs during a typical northeast Ohio winter, a rain barrel can easily crack. Strong winter winds may also blow it away. If you properly winterize your rain barrel, it will last for many years.



Steps to winterize your rain barrel

*Drain and disconnect it from the downspout

*Store it away for the winter in your garage, basement, or storage shed

*If kept outside, you can turn the empty barrel upside down and place a heavy object on top to weigh it down

*Reconnect the downspout on the house to direct roof water away from your house and its foundation



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