

## Program Details:

- 💧 The City will provide a \$30.00 subsidy per rain barrel. The cost of the subsidized rain barrel is \$35.00 plus tax. This includes the cost of delivery.
- 💧 Only current Joliet Water Customers are eligible for the program. Customers with past due accounts will not be eligible until the account is paid in full.
- 💧 Each household is eligible for (1) one subsidized rain barrel. Additional rain barrels can be purchased for full price (\$65.00 plus tax).
- 💧 A total of 150 rain barrel subsidies will be available annually. The subsidized rain barrels will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

## How to Order:

Orders can be placed on the Upcycle Products' website: <http://upcycle-products.com/jolietil.html>  
Electronic payment can be made using PayPal on the website. To pay by check, use the mail-in order form which can be found on the Upcycle Products website. The rain barrels will be delivered within 5-7 business days upon confirmation of customer eligibility.

## Where can I get more information or provide comments?

For questions about your water bill, to change the name on an account, or set up automatic billing contact:

**City of Joliet—Customer Service**  
150 W. Jefferson Street  
Joliet, IL 60432  
Phone: (815) 724-3820  
Email: [customerservice@joliet.gov](mailto:customerservice@joliet.gov)  
Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

For water and / or sewer maintenance questions contact:

**City of Joliet—Dept. of Public Utilities**  
Phone: (815) 724-4220  
Email: [publicutilities@joliet.gov](mailto:publicutilities@joliet.gov)  
Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

**To report a water main break contact**  
**Phone: (815) 724-4220 (24 hours)**

To report street light outages (please provide pole type and pole number) contact:

**City of Joliet—Dept. of Public Works**  
Phone: (815) 724-4200  
Email: [publicworks@joliet.gov](mailto:publicworks@joliet.gov)  
Phone Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

To report a pothole contact:  
**City of Joliet—Roadways Department**  
Phone: (815) 724-3650  
Phone Hours: 7:00 am - 3:30 pm

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# JOLIET

## Rain Barrel Subsidy Program:

**A low tech way  
to conserve  
water and save**



City of Joliet  
Department of Public Utilities  
[ReThinkWaterJoliet.org](http://ReThinkWaterJoliet.org)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How can I save water

#### In My Yard?

- ◆ Water lawns as needed and choose early instead of late. Don't water mid day as it will just evaporate. Be sure to follow year round every other day watering restrictions
- ◆ Install a rain barrel to collect rain water
- ◆ Sweep patios and driveways instead of using the hose
- ◆ Wash cars with a bucket instead of a hose or go to a car wash as they recycle the water
- ◆ Install native / drought tolerant landscaping and grasses

#### In My Garden?

- ◆ Recycle water from indoor uses - shower bucket, pasta water, etc.
- ◆ Install a rain barrel to collect rain water
- ◆ Use mulch around plants to keep moisture in so you can water less
- ◆ Water plants as needed and choose early instead of late. Don't water mid day as it will just evaporate

#### For My Pool?

- ◆ Use a solar cover to slow evaporation
- ◆ Don't overflow

#### In My Home?

- ◆ Update to low flow fixtures and energy and water efficient appliances
- ◆ Fix leaks - one drip every second adds up to 5 gallons per day!
- ◆ Take shorter showers - no more than 5 minutes or one-two songs
- ◆ Turn off water while brushing, washing hands, or hand washing dishes

ReThink Water by installing a rain barrel to conserve water. The City of Joliet, in conjunction with the Conservation Foundation and Upcycle Products, is offering a rain barrel subsidy program to qualified water customers.

#### What is a rain barrel?

A rain barrel is a system that collects and stores rainwater from a homeowner's roof that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains and streams. Usually a rain barrel is composed of a 55 gallon drum, a vinyl hose, PVC couplings, and a screen grate to keep debris and insects out. A rain barrel can be installed under any residential gutter down spout. The barrels provided by Upcycle Products are Food Quality High Density Poly Ethylene Barrels that were previously used to ship pickled foods overseas. They are available in a variety of colors including black, grey, green, terra cotta, and blue.



#### Why install a rain barrel?

Lawn and garden watering make up nearly 40% of total household water use during the summer. A rain barrel collects water and stores it for when it is needed to water plants, wash cars, or any other non-potable water use. A rain barrel will save most homeowners about 1,300 gallons of water during the peak summer months. Saving water not only helps protect the environment by reducing storm water run-off, it saves homeowners money and decreases demands on the City's groundwater source which is being depleted.

#### How can rainwater be used?

Consider these ideas for your mineral-rich, chlorine-free rainwater:

- ◆ Attach regular or soaker hoses to the bottom spigot and top overflow valve and direct to landscaped areas nearby.
- ◆ Fill a bucket or watering can to hand-water plants in your garden and indoor plants.
- ◆ Use the rainwater to wash cars and bicycles.

