



## **Water Conservation Resources**

### **Rain Barrels**

**Installing and using rain barrels in your yard**

[www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/article/182095](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/article/182095)

**Make Your Own Rain barrel - Chesapeake Bay Foundation**

<http://www.cbf.org/document.doc?id=30>

### **Purchasing a ready-made rain barrel**

Many Massachusetts towns and cities distribute rain barrels to residents through annual sales. Check with your municipality to see if there is a rain barrel sale planned and for details on how to participate. Or check the websites of the following vendors on state contract for information on sales planned in Massachusetts communities and how to participate. If no barrels are available in your community, try a neighboring community or consider purchasing a barrel directly from the vendor. One of our gardeners found her rain barrels through Craigslist.

### **New England Rain barrel Suppliers**

[www.middlesexconservation.org](http://www.middlesexconservation.org)

[www.skyjuice.us](http://www.skyjuice.us)

[www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com](http://www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com)

**Ace Hardware**

**Agway**



# How to save water when gardening

- **Drip Irrigation kits and soaker hoses**  
These devices allow you to direct water exactly where it is most needed, and prevent run off from over-zealous watering.
- **Rain Gauge**  
Allows you to measure rainfall to help you eliminate or reduce unnecessary watering of gardens.
- **Handheld outdoor hose nozzles**  
The automatic shut off feature of these hose nozzles can help you save thousands of gallons of water compared to a hose without a handheld nozzle.
- **Handheld watering wand**  
Wands allow you to water right at the base of the plant, thus using water more efficiently.