

### Waukesha Water Utility starting new rain barrel rebate program

WAUKESHA — The **Waukesha Water Utility** is implementing a new water conservation program for rain barrel rebates.

“A 50-60 gallon rain barrel, which connects to a downspout to capture rain water, can collect a surprising amount of water: 1/10th of an inch of rain falling on a 1,000 square foot rooftop can fill a 50-gallon barrel,” said Mary Adelmeyer of the Water Utility.

“That’s 50 free gallons of

naturally soft, chlorine-free water, which is great for watering your flowers and plants, washing off your boots, washing the car or bike, or any other outdoor activities.”

Rain barrels are available at local hardware stores or through the Retzer Nature Center. They cost approximately \$70-\$100. To qualify for the \$20 rebate, the rain barrels must be installed in the utility’s service area, the original purchase receipt must be submitted within 90 days of purchase, and postinstallation pictures

must be included with the rebate application, which can be found on the utility’s website. Rebates are on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to availability of funds.

The utility also reminds customers about the \$100 toilet rebate and the \$25 shower head rebate.

For more information, please visit [www.waukeshawater.com](http://www.waukeshawater.com).