

Rainwater Harvesting & Gutters: Beginner's Guide

Why Harvest Rainwater?

- Save \$\$ on your water bill
- Reduce runoff & erosion
- Great for gardens 🌿, lawns, & emergency use

How to Set Up Your System

- ❑ Place a rain barrel under your gutter downspout
 - ❑ Use a diverter kit for easy control
 - ❑ Install a mesh screen to block debris
 - ❑ Elevate barrel for water pressure
- 💡 Pro Tip: Use a first-flush diverter for cleaner

Legal Guidelines by State

- Laws vary—check your local regs!
 - Some states (like CO) have limits; others encourage it
- 🔗 [EPA State Rainwater Laws Overview- epa.gov](#)

Filtration Basics

- For garden use: mesh screens are enough
 - For indoor/emergency use: add carbon or sand filters
- ⚠️ Do NOT drink without proper filtration & treatment

Water Usage Ideas

- Water your garden or lawn
- Clean tools or gear
- Emergency toilet flushes
- Indoor plants or washing cars

Start Small, Think Big

Every drop counts. Your gutters can do more than redirect rain
— they can save it.



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