



# Order Form

ORDER ONLINE!!!

**All proceeds from the sale of rain barrels are reinvested into our artistic rain barrel program, helping to pay for barrels and supplies for locals schools that participate.**

Mail Check & Order Form To:  
 Jackson Purchase Foundation  
 PO Box 1156  
 Benton, KY 42025

Name:
Address:
City/State/Zip:
Phone:
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LOOK FOR THE PAYPAL LINK ON OUR RAIN BARREL PAGE.

Item	Qty.	Total
Plastic Rain Barrel (\$40)		
<b>Grand Total</b>		

Prearrangements to pickup order must be made by contacting us at (270) 908-4545 or by emailing admin@jpf.org

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1. Online - go to www.jpf.org (on the left side of the homepage there is a link to rain barrel page).
2. Phone - call us at (270) 908-4545
3. Mail - send completed form from this brochure with payment to:

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# About JPF

The Jackson Purchase Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation, nongovernmental organization (NGO) working in Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Marshall and McCracken counties in Western Kentucky. We work with local citizens and leaders to develop ideas, build partnerships, find funding, and implement projects that improve the quality of life for citizens of the Jackson Purchase region. With assistance from our diverse and productive partnerships, we bring together people and organizations, including private landowners, conservation groups, local, state and federal governments, nonprofits and the private sector, to implement projects that promote healthy communities, healthy environments and sustainable economic growth. With our approach, we hope to empower local citizens and communities to make dreams become a reality.

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# Rain Barrel Program



*Rain barrels are containers or systems that collect and store rain water from rooftops for later use.*

## Why Rain Barrels?

Rain barrels collect and store rainwater from your roof that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains and streams.

### Helps Reduce Runoff Pollution

Rainwater stored in rain barrels helps reduce the amount of runoff and the amount of pollution that is picked up off the land surface and carried to storm drains, streams and rivers.

### Conserves Water

Lawn and garden watering makes up nearly 40% of total household water use during the summer. Rainwater used from rain barrels helps reduce the amount of water used from local sources.

### Better for Plants and Gardens

Rainwater stored in rain barrels is naturally soft water and doesn't contain minerals, chlorine, fluoride and other chemicals. Plants respond well to this. After all, it's what plants in the wild thrive on!

### Saves You Money

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, it saves you money and energy.

## What's the Problem with Runoff?

As water runs across the land during precipitation events, it can pick up pollution that is on the land surface (litter, manure, chemicals, fertilizers, etc.). Runoff containing pollution flows untreated directly into our streams or down storm drains. Runoff that enters storm drains then flows untreated into local streams we use for swimming, fishing, boating, etc.

As we increase the amount of hard surfaces that don't allow water to soak into the ground, such as driveways, sidewalks and streets, more water runs off. Because less water is soaking into the ground, underground water supplies are not replenished. This increased runoff also leads to more frequent flood events, as there is less area for rainfall or snowmelt to soak into the ground. Not only do these flood events occur more frequently, they are often more catastrophic..

*Did you know...the hard surfaces of a city block can generate five times more runoff than a wooded area of the same size!*

Increased runoff also leads to increased erosion of stream banks because the velocity of water flowing through streams is greater. This causes more dirt to enter our streams, clogging habitat for aquatic life and making it difficult for aquatic life to survive.

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## Installation and Maintenance



- ◆ Measure and cut the downspout, but keep the downspout for reattachment during winter months. Use an elbow attachment or flexible gutter extension to direct water to the top of the barrel.
- ◆ In the fall, open spigot and unscrew .

Replace downspout and store barrel flipped over or inside.

- ◆ Place your barrel on a flat, stable platform, such as a wood pedestal, concrete block, or landscaping block. The added height increases water pressure and allows you to put a bucket under the spigot so you can water your indoor plants.
- ◆ Make sure to clean your gutters and downspout periodically and check that the mosquito screen at the top of the barrel is free of debris.
- ◆ Clean the inside of your barrel as needed by spraying out with a hose.
- ◆ Occasionally inspect and check your over-flow hose, connections and make sure your water flow is flowing properly - down the gutter's downspout, into the rain barrel and excess water exiting from the overflow drain.

*Did you know...that 1 inch of rain falling on 1,000 square feet of roof can yield 600 gallons of water?  
Don't let this free water run away!*