

# CONSERVATION

## Definition:

**Conservation** is the act of preserving, guarding or protecting; wise use.

In an effort to minimize our waste stream, the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority is partnering with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland County to coordinate the sale of Backyard Composting Bins and Rain Barrels at cost.



Backyard composting of organics reduces waste disposal costs, saves our natural resources and creates a finished product that provides valuable nutrients to your plants.

Rain Barrels help to conserve our limited water supply and provide chlorine-free water for your plants.

Thank you for your efforts to help Rockland reduce it's impact on the planet.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about composting and water harvesting.

Composting at home reduces the amount of organics in the waste stream that require transportation and processing.

Water harvesting conserves our limited water supply, which reduces our impact on the environment.

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# Compost Bins & Rain Barrels



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## COMPOST BINS



Backyard composting is a controlled process of natural conversion of organic materials by micro organisms into compost. By composting, you can divert more than 500 lbs of organic matter from landfills per year.

Composting is simply a combination of yard debris (like grass clippings and fallen leaves) and kitchen scraps (such as fruit and vegetable spoils), separated from the waste stream and placed into an environment suitable for decomposition.

Through composting, you can experience the benefits of this rich soil additive giving you healthier and greener lawns and gardens, and a cleaner environment too!

### Benefits

- Provides a nutrient rich "super soil" to add to your garden, lawn and house plants
- Takes as little as 10 minutes a week
- Reduces use of artificial fertilizers and pesticides
- Can Reduce gardening water bill by **30%**
- Can reduce garbage by **30%**
- Big enough for a family of five
- Improves soil texture and water holding capacity when used as an amendment
- Home Composting book included

## RAIN BARRELS



The use of rain barrels by homeowners helps to lower municipal water demands and saves energy at water treatment facilities by reducing water pollution and storm water runoff.

Homeowners can help to conserve municipal water supply and cut household water bills by up to 40% with backyard rain barrels. Rain water free from chlorine and water treatment chemicals, is an excellent water source for lawns, plants and gardens.

Just look outside your window the next time it rains and imagine all the water that's running down your driveway being put to beneficial use in your home and garden!

### Benefits

- 55 gallon capacity
- Mosquito mesh keeps bugs and leaves out
- Overflow hose can be linked to another SYSTEM or can be directed away from the house
- Contoured spigot
- Easily accommodates existing downspouts
- BPA Free
- UV stabilizer is added to resist deterioration from sunlight
- Made from recycled content

## PRICING

Compost Bins	\$55 each
Rain Barrels	\$75 each
Aerators	\$20
Collection Bucket	\$1

## PICK-UP LOCATIONS

### Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Rockland County

10 Patriot Hills Lane  
Stony Point, NY  
Monday - Friday  
9am - 4 pm  
429-7085

\*must make an appointment

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