During a typical rainstorm, the rain that falls on the roof runs off into the ground, a storm drain, or a stream. If you’re motivated to save a little water to re-distribute it on your lawns or plants — or even use it for laundry, dishes or other interior needs — collecting rainwater from your gutters’ downspouts is a no-brainer.

You can even use landscaping features to filter the pollutants out of stormwater runoff that would otherwise have been detrimental to our watershed.

**What Can You Do?**

- INSTALL A RAIN BARREL OR CISTERN TO REUSE RUNOFF.
- PLANT A RAIN GARDEN. WATER WILL FILTER THROUGH THE GARDEN TO REDUCE POLLUTANTS.
- USE A SHOWER BUCKET. NEXT TIME YOU’RE WARMING UP THE SHOWER, STICK A BUCKET UNDER THE RUNNING TAP UNTIL YOU’RE READY TO GET IN. YOU’LL BE SURPRISED AT HOW MUCH WATER YOU COLLECT!
- REUSE EXCESS DRINKING WATER. GOT AN ALMOST-EMPTY WATER GLASS THAT’S BEEN SITTING OUT TOO LONG TO DRINK? FEED IT TO A THIRSTY HOUSE PLANT INSTEAD!