



Great American Rain Barrel FAQs

How do I open the barrel?

The lid is a screw top. Left is loose. Sometimes the lid gets off its track in shipping or hot weather may cause the lid to stick. When this happens use WD-40 and a friend to help unscrew the lid.

What is a diverter?

A diverter captures water from your downspout and channels it into your barrel. During the water collection season the diverter stays open and diverts water into the barrel. When you put your barrel away for the winter you simply close the flap on the diverter and your downspout resumes its original function without having to reassemble it.

My spigot is 14" above ground - how do I get the water below the spigot line?

If the water falls below the spigot line unscrew the lid and dunk the watering can inside the barrel. Or carefully tip the barrel forward to fill the watering can.

How do I replace my spigot?

Order a spigot from the supplier at www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com/p-99-accessories.aspx

What happens if my barrel is leaking?

It's rare that barrels will leak, but if it's not properly winterized it may cause damage to the plastic, leading to leaking or cracking. Should this occur empty the barrel, dry it and place duct tape inside the barrel on the crack. If a leak develops around the spigot or plugs use Teflon tape at the connection. If your spigot is leaking it will need to be replaced.

How do I get more pressure?

Rain barrels are gravity fed. For additional pressure you can place the spigot in the bottom drain hole and attach a hose. This works best if you have the barrel elevated slightly.

Can I use the barrel to store drinking water?

NO! Still water is a breeding ground for bacteria. The water collected from your gutters is not sterilized and the barrel is not sealed. Use the water in your barrel to offset your outdoor water needs. Do not use the barrel for drinking water

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