

### STEP 1

Place the rain barrel in the desired location. The barrel should be directly under or near a rainspout. Make sure it is level, this stops water from ponding on top of the barrel. Measure the total height of the barrel + any stand it is on, from the ground to the top of the barrel. A platform gives the barrel height and creates water pressure when using a hose.



### STEP 4

Attach any diverters being used to the downspout by sleeving it over the current downspout. Screws can be used to secure it in place. The downspout or diverter should be aimed directly at the screened opening at the top of the barrel.



### STEP 2

Measure the height of any diverter being used. If the barrel is placed directly under a downspout, a diverter is optional. If the barrel is placed to the side of the downspout, it may be necessary to use a diverter in order to direct the flow of water from the downspout into the barrel.



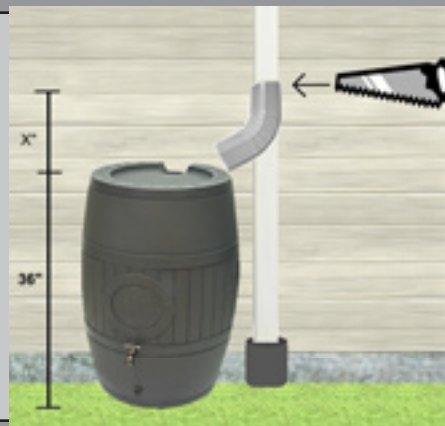
### STEP 5

An overflow hose is already connected to the back of the barrel. The unattached end of this hose should be directed to where your downspout originally drained - either to a splash pad or the sewer riser drain.



### STEP 3

Add all of the measured heights together. This will be the height at which you cut your downspout using a hacksaw and be sure to save the piece of the downspout that you cut off. This extra piece can be reattached in the winter when you take the barrel out of use.



**Maintenance** You will want to make sure that water cannot pond, also make sure that the downspout is aimed at the screened opening on top of the barrel. It is important to keep the fine mesh and larger metal screen in place and free of debris. The fine mesh keeps mosquitoes from breeding and the larger keeps debris out.

You will want to remove the rain barrel from under the downspout before it freezes in the winter. It is recommended that the barrel be emptied and turned upside-down outside or stored inside for the winter months. The barrel may crack if water inside freezes and expands. The extra piece of downspout can be temporarily repositioned until you are ready to use the rain barrel, again. This section should be sleeved over the existing downspout and secured.