

## UPPER DRAIN

- Mark area 3" from the top of the barrel. This can be on either the left or the right side of the barrel, based on the location of the lower drain
- Using 1" spade bit, drill hole
- push 3/4" male hose adapter into hole (you may need to use the knife to make the hole a bit larger or the rubber mallet to push the adapter into the hole)
- On the outside of the barrel, caulk area where adapter and barrel meet to reduce leakage
- Use this as an overflow outlet, use with a hose to connect to another barrel, or place garden hose cap to close opening

## CREATE A STABLE PLATFORM

- You can utilize concrete pavers or bricks to create a level surface where the rain barrel will be located
- Place concrete blocks on the level surface either side-by-side or in a triangular shape
- Place empty rain barrel on top of concrete blocks



## PREPARING YOUR DOWNSPOUT

- Top cut: Using a hacksaw, cut the down-spout approximately 12" above the top of the rain barrel (while on concrete blocks)
- Bottom cut: Using a hacksaw, cut the down-spout approximately 36" below the top cut
- The cut edges of the down spout will be sharp. You may wish to crimp the cut ends with pliers (bending the cuts inward)
- Place the down-spout attachment onto the upper end of the down-spout
- The other end of the attachment can be placed on the lid of the barrel or can be attached to the bottom down-spout as necessary.

## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Water from your rain barrel is not for human or pet consumption.
- Your rain barrel must be emptied prior to winter to prevent damage to the barrel.
- If you wish to add a second rain barrel, connect the barrels by adding a piece of garden hose from the upper drain of the first barrel to the upper drain of the second barrel.
- Rain barrels can be painted to blend in with your siding or landscaping.

