



KEEPING STORMWATER CLOSE TO WHERE IT FALLS

If you capture stormwater close to where it falls in your yard, you will help recharge the Barnes Aquifer and cut down on stormwater flows that can become polluted and heated as they move down driveways and along curbs to the nearest catch basin. Some ideas:

Redirect your roof downspouts so that flow goes onto your lawn or garden. This might involve rehangng your gutters, but it could mean just using a tube extension from your downspout so that water can reach your lawn and garden.

Capture flow from your roof with a rain barrel, rain garden, or drywell.
See the following links for more information:

Rain Barrels

[Rain Barrel Fact Sheet, PVPC and Town of South Hadley \(pdf\)](#)

Rain Gardens

[Rain Gardens: A complete Guide for Connecticut and New England Homeowners](#)
[Low Impact Development: Rain Gardens Design](#)
[Plants for Rain Gardens \(pdf\)](#)

Drywells

[Drywells Fact Sheet, Portland, Maine, Water District \(pdf\)](#)

Other Stormwater Information

[Stormwater Best Management Practices for Groundwater Protection \(pdf\)](#)
[Think Blue](#)