

## More **Green** Ideas

Water your lawn less frequently, but deeply... only water during early morning or early evening hours (as per watering bylaw) to minimize evaporative loss!



Use a broom instead of a waterhose to clean sidewalks and driveways!



Cover your swimming pool when its not in use to significantly reduce the loss of water due to evaporation!



Replace your regular shower head with a low flow model!



Be sure to turn off the tap when you brush your teeth!



Leave grass clippings on your lawn instead of raking them and let your lawn grow a little longer (5cm or 2-3 inches) to conserve moisture!



## Recommendations

Ensure maximum effectiveness of your rain barrel by following the installation instructions provided

### Summer Care



Clean the screen on top of your rain barrel regularly so it collects water properly.

Add a tablespoon of dish soap to the water inside your barrel to kill mosquito larvae (this also provides nutrients for your lawn and garden)

### Winter Care



The barrel should be completely emptied and stored indoors if possible during the winter. If left outside make sure the tap is open and top is covered to prevent water from entering.



## Town of Midland's Rainwater Harvesting Program



  
Only Tap Water **Delivers**™

## Did You Know?

When you wash your car, soft rainwater does not leave spots when you rinse....



Watering plants in lukewarm water reduces shock...



Gardens

respond well to fresh water collected during rainfall because it is soft

water –free of chlorine, lime and calcium...



Reduces the amount of gasoline, pesticides, herbicides, salt, oil and gasoline

## General Info



### Where and When are they available?

The Midland Home Show on April 30 and May 1, 2011 8am-4pm. Available on a “first come first serve while quantities last” basis.

### Who is eligible?

Any Midland resident who can provide an active water bill with proof of ID.

\*A provision for a site inspection by a municipal employee applies.

### How many per household?

One per household to allow for a greater number of households to participate

### Why are we implementing this program?

Rain Barrels are a good way for residents to conserve their water by using water that normally would go into the sewer. This helps residents save on their water bill. Rain water also helps with storm water management.

## All About The Rain Barrel...



### What's included?

- \*Insect resistant stainless steel filter screen.
- \*Overflow spout and spigot
- \*Four feet of hose
- \*Child proof lid and stable foot print

### What is its volume and height?

The Rain Barrel holds 208 litres and is approximately 86 cm high x 61cm wide. Easily transportable in most vehicles