

## Remember never to drink or cook with the water collected in your Reel Rain Barrel!

Our Reel Rain Barrels do not need an overflow on them because the diverter we provide has a built in overflow. Reel Rain Barrels that are purchased without a pitcher pump will have an additional hole in them, close to the diverter inlet. This hole is used as a vent for the air in the barrel to escape as the barrel is filling up. The hole is placed above the height of the inlet so that it should not overflow, as long as you have installed your diverter properly.

For barrels that are fitted with a Pitcher Pump, you may need to run some water into the pump to wet the leather upon initial use, or after long periods of non-use. After extended use of the pump, you may need to use some basic faucet grease on the diaphragm.

Freezing water can damage the barrel and hardware. Be sure to drain your barrel, pump and fittings, and disconnect the diverter when freezing temps arrive.

Due to the nature and material of the vintage whiskey barrel that your Reel Rain Barrel is made of, there is the possibility that it may have splinters and sharp edges. Please always handle your barrel with gloves. Please do not lift the barrel using any of the exposed hardware.

# Reel Barrels, LLC

Different by Design

The patented Reel Barrel is a garden storage solution that keeps your hose protected from harmful UV rays, weather, and angry lawn mowers!



The Reel Trash Barrel comes with a plastic liner for easy cleaning and is suitable for indoor or outdoor use. It's animal resistant!



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Your REEL RAIN BARREL is made of 100% white Oak. The wood will shrink if it is allowed to dry out. Depending on the length of time it has been since your barrel was emptied at the distillery, it may have a few leaks when first filled with rainwater. It usually only takes a day or so for the staves of the barrel to swell and reseal themselves back to liquid tight condition.

Maintaining the finish of your REEL BARREL is key to keeping your barrel looking like new. Occasional reapplication of the polyurethane or solid stain finish will keep your barrel looking good although some customers choose to let their barrel naturally weather to a beautiful patina.

When determining placement of your barrel, be sure it is situated on a level, flat surface and keep in mind that a full barrel can weigh as much as 500 pounds. The barrel does not have to be elevated for the gravity spigot to work however, you will need to place your barrel on some type of pad to help prevent moisture from being absorbed from the bottom.

Be sure to determine your barrel placement before installing the downspout diverter. The diverter should be installed so that the connector hose is level with the PVC inlet on the barrel. Follow the diverter installation instructions provided by the manufacturer. The connector for the diverter that is installed on your barrel can be turned 90° left or right to accommodate your particular installation.

## BARREL CARE, MAINTENANCE and Installation

### CARE AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR NEW REEL RAIN BARREL®



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