

Rain Barrel/Cistern Inspection and Maintenance Checklist

Facility:			
Location/Address:			
Date:	Time:	Weather Conditions:	Date of Last Inspection:
Inspector:		Title:	
Rain in Last 48 Hours ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, list amount and timing:			
Pretreatment: ☐ downspout screen ☐ gutter guards ☐ rain barrel filter/screen ☐ other, specify:			
Site Plan or As-Built Plan Available: ☐ Yes ☐ No			

Inspection Item	Comment	Action Needed
1. PRETREATMENT		
Sediment and debris have accumulated in gutter.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	☐ Yes ☐ No
The screen or trap is clogged or not attached.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	☐ Yes ☐ No
2. FOUNDATION		
Barrel foundation is unstable.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	☐ Yes ☐ No
3. INLETS/DOWNSPOUTS		
Gutters and downspouts joints are disconnected and/or leaks are present.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	☐ Yes ☐ No
Downspouts are disconnected to barrel and/or leaks are present.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	☐ Yes ☐ No
Diverter is disconnected and/or leaks are present.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	☐ Yes ☐ No
3. SPIGOT		
Visible leaks are present and connections are not tight.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	☐ Yes ☐ No
Valves and knobs do not turn.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	☐ Yes ☐ No
4. RAIN BARREL/CISTERN		
Sediment accumulated at bottom of barrel.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	☐ Yes ☐ No
Odor of mildew present or algae is visible inside the barrel.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	☐ Yes ☐ No
Cracks or leaks are visible in barrel.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	☐ Yes ☐ No
Mosquito larva is visible in barrel.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	☐ Yes ☐ No
5. OVERFLOW STRUCTURE		
Overflow is directed away from the structure or disconnected from the downspout.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	☐ Yes ☐ No
Other:	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	☐ Yes ☐ No
Special Notes: An untrained individual should never enter a cistern. Never drink water from a rain barrel or a cistern. Always follow the manufacturer's manual and recommended maintenance schedule.		
Additional Notes		
Wet weather inspection needed ☐ Yes ☐ No		

Site Sketch: