

# RainSaucers™

## DIY Standalone Rain Barrel Kit- Instructions

**Important: This kit will allow you to install a spigot in a barrel and secure it from the wind. Do not proceed with Step 5 or higher until after you have installed your RainSaucer™**

1. Verify the contents of your order. There should be one Rubber Hose Seal, one Spigot (faucet), one S-hook, two Heavy Duty 9” Steel Stakes, two Double Loop Cables (labeled **A**), one Single Loop Safety Cable (labeled **B**), and two 10’ Cables (labeled **C**). The only tool you will require is a drill with a 1 ¼” hole saw (use protective eyewear for safety).

2. **Choose Your Implementation Style:** See pictures below.



On Blocks or Stand



On Grass or Dirt



On Pavement

3. **Installing the spigot:** Drill a 1 ¼” hole, 1-8 inches from the bottom of your barrel. If your barrel will be going on a stand or blocks, the hole should be as low possible to maximize water pressure. If your barrel will be going on dirt, grass or the pavement, the hole should be high enough to accommodate your watering can, unless you plan on watering with a hose in which case a low installation is still preferred. Next, pinch and fold the Rubber Hose Seal then insert and fit it around the hole. Lastly, lubricate the spigot with soapy water and screw it into the Hose Seal. The final install should look like Figure 1.



Figure 1

4. **Securing the Barrel.** Wrap the large loop-hole end of each Double Loop Cable (**A**) around the handles of your barrel and pass the other end of the cable (the one which has plastic attached) back through the loop-hole to secure (see Figure 2). If your barrel does not have handles, the same effect can be achieved by drilling a ¼” hole in the rim of the barrel and using the rim as a handle.

5. **On Blocks.** If your barrel will be on blocks or a stand, use the S-hook to connect the two Double Loop Cables to each other through the blocks or stand. Start by latching one side of the S-hook to the small loop between the holes in the plastic tensioner (see picture left). Then latch the s-hook to the other cable after you have extended both cables so they can meet under the barrel and through the holes in the cement blocks (If using a stand, you may have to make your own holes). Tighten using the plastic tensioners. Water can be dispensed by either watering can or hose.



Figure 2

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6. **On Grass or Dirt.** If your barrel will be deployed on the grass or dirt, use the Stakes to secure each Double Loop Cable to the ground. Start by inserting each Stake all the way into the ground 18” from the barrel. Then connect each Stake to the small loop between holes in the plastic tensioner. Lastly, tighten the Double Loop Cables using the tensioner on each cable. Dispense water by hose- the faucet can be turned 90 degrees to make space if needed.

7. **On Pavement.** If your barrel will be deployed on pavement, use heavy objects to secure each Double Loop Cable to the ground. Start by locating each heavy object 18” from the barrel. Then encircle each heavy object with the small loop between holes in the plastic tensioner. You can make the small loop bigger by loosening the tensioner. Lastly, tighten the Double Loop Cables using the tensioner on each cable. Dispense water by hose- the faucet can be turned 90 degrees to make space if needed.

8. **(Optional) Attaching the safety cable.** To ensure the RainSaucer™ does not get separated from the barrel during storm winds, we highly recommend attaching the RainSaucer directly to the barrel handle (or hole in rim) using **(B)** the Single Loop Safety Cable. The loop-hole end the cable can be attached to the barrel handle in the same method as the loop-hole end of the Double Loop Cables (See Step 4). The plastic keeper end of the cable can be inserted in the nearest available edge hole in the RainSaucer™ . Each RainSaucer™ edge hole is capable of supporting two plastic keepers (see Figure 3). Just pull up and over the first keeper to make room for second one from the Single Loop Safety Cable.



Figure 3

8. **(Optional) Using this Kit to expand your RainSaucers™ system :** If you are installing this kit on a second barrel because your first barrel is full, please use the two 10’ Cables **(C)** to secure your Saucer to the second barrel. These cables are provided so that moving your RainSaucer™ from one barrel to next is as easy as loosen first barrel cable, disconnect Saucer and filter from first barrel, reconnect Saucer to second barrel, tighten second barrel cables.

### Tips

Please see the Album “DIY Standalone RB Kit” in the Photos section of our website [www.rainsaucers.com](http://www.rainsaucers.com) for larger versions of these pictures and others.

If you are implementing #6 or #7 above, and you find you need more wind resistance, you can move the Stakes/heavy objects closer to the barrel by shortening each the two Double Loop Cables. Shorten by grabbing the double knot in the plastic tensioner, pulling out the desired length of string, and adding a new double knot.

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