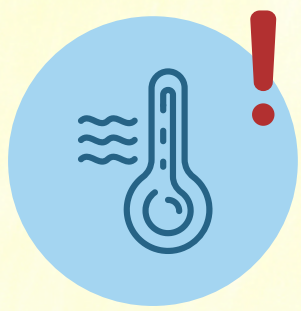


Clever use of rainwater

A sustainable solution for our garden and our home



Climate change is leading to **longer periods of drought**, as well as **water shortages** at certain times of the year.



Available **rainwater** usually flows **unused** into the rivers via the sewage system.



Drinking water is used for purposes that do not require high water quality (**toilets, watering, cleaning**).



A simple solution: **the rainwater tank**

Collect rainwater from the **roof** and use it

Using **rainwater** as a resource for tomorrow



Reserve **drinking water** for uses requiring higher water quality



- Garden watering
- Pressure washer
- Toilet flush
- ...



The rainwater tank must be connected to the rainwater downpipe. But where is the water collected? A resident might think about this question like this:

📍 Outdoors, above ground



Barrel = simplest and cheapest method, sufficient for watering flowers. Smart **reuse ideas**: can of cooking oil, wine barrel, amphora...



📍 Outside, in the ground



Underground plastic or concrete **cistern** → larger **volume** + **possibility of connection** to the house for the toilet flush!

Important to note: The water that is used for a pressure washer must be filtered beforehand.



📍 In the house / cellar



Plastic or concrete **cistern**, with **connection to the house** (for the toilet flush) and the **garden**.

New construction projects → plan the cistern directly in the building plan (in the cellar or outside).

Important to note: No connection must exist between rainwater and the drinking water network (sanitary protection).



Legal regulation:

For underground outdoor installations, a **construction declaration** or **authorization** must be submitted to the municipality.



Financial aid:

Don't forget to take advantage of **subsidies** offered by the state or municipality for rainwater collection.

More informations

