

# STORMWATER

Tip of the Week

Week 21: May 25, 2021

## ADDING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE TO YOUR PROPERTY

Green infrastructure is a cost-effective, resilient approach to managing wet weather impacts by building with nature. It is a network of stormwater management practices that can capture and infiltrate rain where it falls and reduce stormwater runoff, which will help ease water pollution of surrounding water ways.

### DOWNSPOUT DISCONNECTION

This easy practice reroutes rooftop drainage pipes from draining rainwater into the stormwater system to draining it into rain barrels, cisterns, or permeable areas. You can use it to store stormwater and/or allow stormwater to infiltrate into the soil.

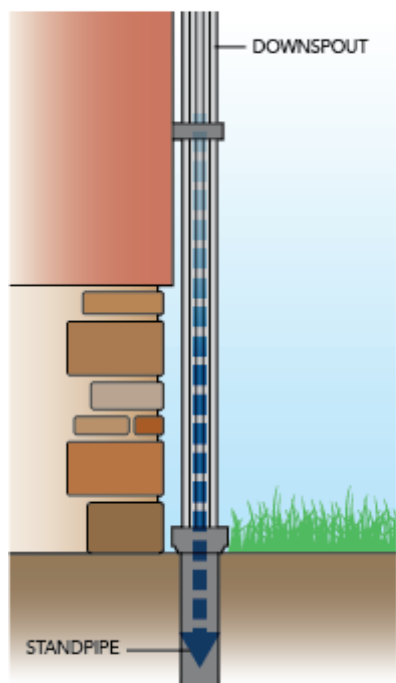
When disconnecting your downspout from a storm sewer system onto grass or across pavement make sure you are not going to flood your neighbors with your stormwater runoff.

\*Always ask your city before you make any connections into a storm sewer system.

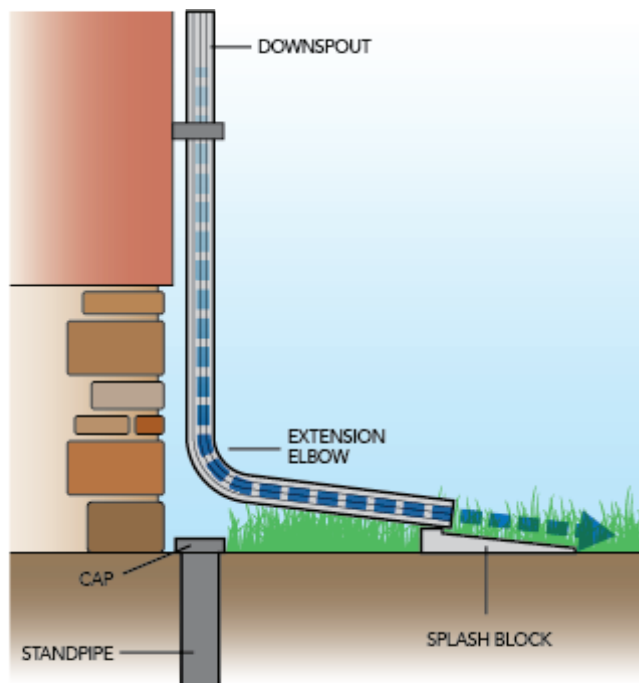
### RAINWATER HARVESTING

Rainwater harvesting systems collect and store rainfall for later use. Rain barrels are great for homeowners because they aren't too large and help slow and reduce runoff plus provide a source of water for later use, like for your garden. Rain barrels are a great way to easily add rainwater harvesting to your own property.

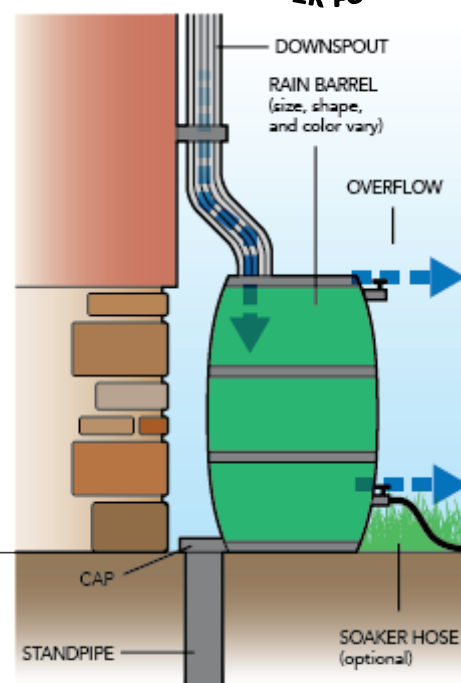
Check out St. Albans' Rain Barrel Workshops starting back in the Spring of 2020 for an affordable way to get your own rain barrel!



DOWNSPOUT CONNECTED TO SEWER SYSTEM



DOWNSPOUT DISCONNECTED FROM SEWER SYSTEM



DOWNSPOUT CONNECTED TO RAIN BARREL