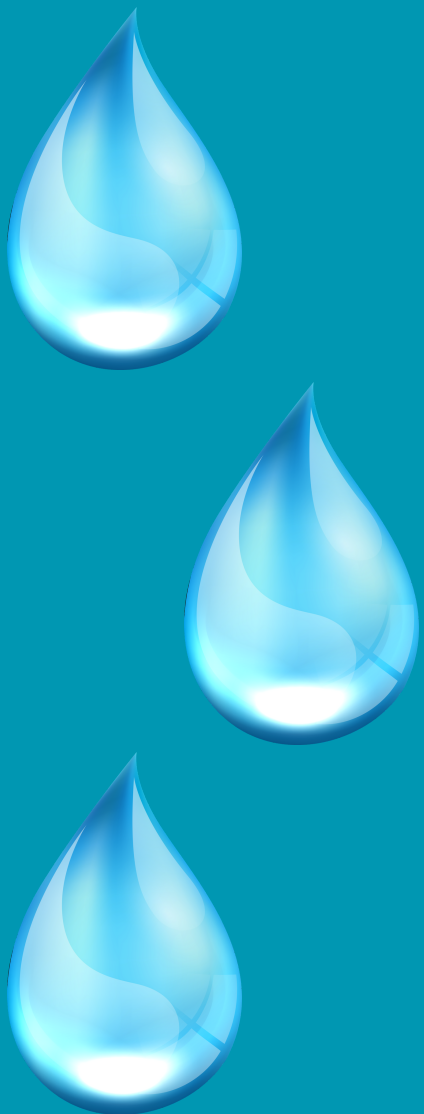


# How to Use Rainwater in Eco Communities



A vibrant garden scene featuring a brick wall in the background with a metal trellis structure. The garden is filled with various plants, including purple flowers, green leafy vegetables, and orange flowers in the foreground. A large teal triangle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the number '1' and the title 'Rainwater Harvest for the Garden'.

# 1

## Rainwater Harvest for the Garden

Rainwater harvesting collects rainwater and stores it for a later use. In eco communities, this rainwater is often used for multiple purposes including watering plants. Rain water can be used for all sorts of outdoor plants including vegetables and fruits for human consumption – it is also an ideal temperature for these plants and avoids “shocking them” which often results when tap water is utilized.



# Rainwater Harvest for Indoor Use

In eco communities, rain water that is stored in barrels or cisterns can be utilized in the home. Some common uses for rain water in the home include washing clothes and flushing toilets, these types of uses require little to no filtration. In some cases, the rainwater is put through a filtration system and can be used for multiple additional purposes such as showers, baths and even for drinking water if the appropriate treatment is applied.

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## Rainwater Harvest for Livestock

Rainwater harvesting can be an alternative solution to help sustain farm animals. Eco communities tend to produce their own food sources such as crops and livestock. Collected rainwater can be use as a drinking water source for these animals. In states of emergency where traditional water sources are limited or not available – this is a quick and easy solution to keep the cows, goats and chickens well hydrated!





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