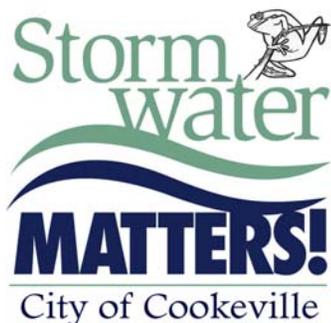


Clean and paint your barrels in a well ventilated area.

Ideal conditions would be a temperature of 50 – 80° F with low humidity.

To clean your painted rain barrel try Simple Green, it is an automotive cleaner. Just wet the barrel down and spray it on the wet barrel, the dirt and sap will roll right off. You can lightly scrub any tough spots. Then rinse it off with water.

To protect the finish of your rain barrel many people use Armorall the automotive preservative. It is UV resistant and helps to keep the rain barrel looking good.



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Tips For Painting Your Rain Barrel



What paint to use:

Our experience with the Rain Barrel Festival painting showed that Krylon Fusion Paint, was the best adhering paint to use. It is available at most retail stores that sell spray paint for about \$5 a can. One can will do one coat, but use two coats as your base coat — dark colors may take additional coats. After it dries completely you can use ordinary acrylic paint to decorate your barrel with.

First step is to lightly sand the barrel, use a 220 or 400 grit sandpaper so as to leave no scratches on the barrel.

Clean the outside of the barrel with lacquer thinner or an ammonia based cleaner (many window cleaners are ammonia based). After cleaning, let the barrel dry completely before the next step.

Cover the spigot and overflow with masking tape.

Shake spray paint can vigorously for 2 minutes.

Hold can 8 to 10" from the surface and spray with a sweeping motion keeping the can an even distance from the surface.

Apply a thin coats — multiple thin coats will help you avoid runs and drips.

Dries in 15 minutes or less and you can handle it after 1 hour.

Recoat before 24 hours as needed.

Once the barrel is painted and dry to the touch you can use any acrylic paint to paint designs on the barrel.

Fully chip resistant after 7 days.