

**Wellington at Preston Meadows Homeowners Association, Inc.**  
**Guidelines for Rain Barrels/Collection Devices**  
**Effective September 1, 2011**

The association, in accordance with State law, will permit owners to install rain barrels/collection devices if they meet architectural requirements as outlined by the association. However, the following also applies:

The association prohibits owners from installing rain barrels/collection devices on any common area or property owned by the association.

The association prohibits rain barrels/collection devices in front yards. In side yards, they will only be allowed if they are screened from street view.

**General Considerations**

Owner must submit request and receive approval from the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) prior to installing a rain barrel/collection device.

Rain barrels/collection devices should be generally designed to be unobtrusive in location and appearance and must not cause drainage problems to the property or its neighbors.

The location should take advantage of screening provided by existing or proposed structures and/or vegetation.

The installation of rain barrels/collection devices in attached housing shall be in accordance with the approved project standards established by the association for location, color, screening, etc.

**Specific Guidelines**

1. The preferred location is in the rear or side yard with screening from street view; rain barrels/collection devices are prohibited in front yards.
2. The rain barrel/collection device must be installed at the base of an existing downspout. Only one rain barrel/collection device may be installed per downspout.
3. The overflow from the rain barrel/collection device shall discharge to the same location as the current downspout.
4. The size of a rain barrel/collection device bin is generally limited to 36" in height and 24" in diameter.
5. The container must be designed for the purpose of collecting rainwater; a converted trash can is not an acceptable alternative.
6. The bin must be sturdily constructed of durable plastic in black, brown, green, simulated wood with a screened cover and a splash block provided for the overflow.
7. Other colors which are consistent with the trim, siding or overall color scheme of the home will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
8. The rain barrel/collection device should be set into a landscaped area, so that its appearance will be softened by plant material. Additional landscaping or screening may be required to diminish the visual impact on other properties or from the street.

9. The rain barrel/collection device should be an enclosed device to avoid becoming a breeding ground for mosquitoes and maintained so that it does not create a visual nuisance.

### **Submission Requirements**

Homeowners are required to submit for consideration:

A copy of the existing site plan for their lot showing the location of the house, any accessory structures, significant vegetation and hardscape, property lines, and the proposed location of the rain barrel/collection device.

A catalog photograph or manufacturer's "cut sheet" of the rain barrel/collection device, including dimensions, material, and color.

A planting plan indicating the type and location of vegetation or other screening, existing or proposed.

Approved at Board Meeting on December 5, 2011.

  
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