

## Y-Connection Kit for Bottom Linking Rain Barrels - User Guide

### Model Number F-RN092

Lining rain barrels is an easy way to increase water storage capacity and provide more water for dry spells. This kit includes a connecting hose and a high flow Y-valve to link the bottom drains found on all EarthMinded™ brand RainStation™ or DIY Rain Barrel Kit rain barrels.

This kit is also used as a component of in our Universal Bottom Linking kit, which includes the drain assemblies and a second valve to bottom link all other types of rain barrels.

The bottom connection allows all linked barrels to fill and drain at the same rate and level for convenient access the stored water. The Y-valve has a garden hose connection so the barrels can easily be connected to a garden hose or soaker hose.

#### Contents of this kit:

- High-flow Y-valve
- Connecting hose
- Instructions

#### To Install:

1. For EarthMinded™ barrels; remove the caps from the bottom drains on both barrels to be connected.  
For other makes; follow the instructions to install bottom drains first.
2. Connect the swivel end of the Y-valve to the drain on the barrel that will be easier to access for connecting a garden hose, soaker hose or draining water.
3. Link barrels by thread one end of the connecting hose onto the Y-valve and the other end onto the drain on the second barrel.

#### To Use:

- Leave the connecting valve OPEN to allow water to pass between the linked barrels.
- CLOSE the free end of the Y-valve to allow the barrels to fill.
- OPEN the free end of the Y-valve to access or drain the water in barrels.
- A garden hose or soaker hose can be connected to the free end of the valve. *Be careful not to pull on a connected hose as it could dislodge the valve from the barrel.*
- *Tip: If no hose is connected, thread the cap from the drain onto the free end of the valve to prevent accidental draining the barrels.*
- Winterizing a rain barrel is recommended in freezing climates, disconnect the hose and open valves to make sure that water will not freeze inside the barrel or components.

Replacement parts and other accessory are available at:

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