

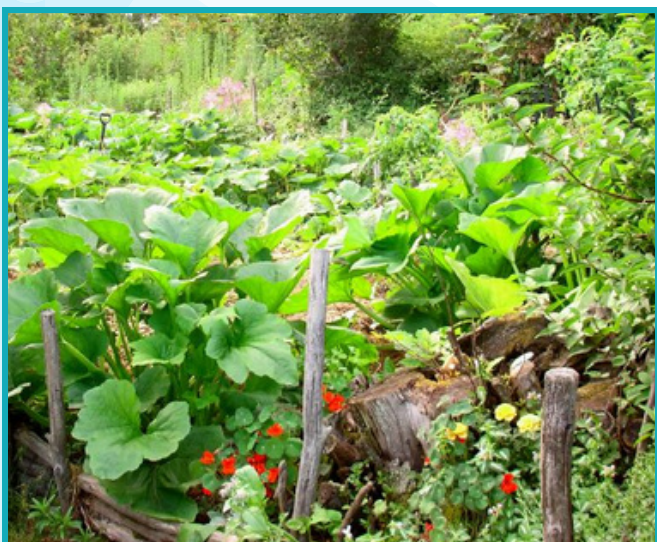
## Meet Diana

*"Rain barrels help us save money on our water bill, providing for nearly all our watering needs for our garden. We grow a lot of plants – pollinators, shrubs, fruit and nut trees, medicinal plants, flowers, vegetables, and more."*

Diana is a Black Mountain resident who has had two 75-gallon rain water barrels at her house since 2005.



All downspouts from gutters are either diverted into rain barrels or returned to the ground around Diana's home. That gives the water coming off the roof a chance to slow down and soak into the ground. Allowing the stormwater to soak into the soil is a natural filtration process, and the rain water will be cleaner and clearer when it returns to nearby rivers and creeks.



Diana's garden beds are also built on contour (perpendicular to the slope of her yard) so that stormwater will slow down and soak in right where it's needed.

### Did you know?

**A 1,000 sq. ft. roof can produce over 30,000 gallons of stormwater in a single year! Installing rain barrels helps prevent erosion and saves money on water.**

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