

Stormwater at Sunny Point

"Our cafe and bakery had huge amounts of water flowing off the roofs. This led to issues with flooding in our outdoor dining space and parking lots.

Last year we added rain barrels to capture the water. Now we use it for watering the gardens and no longer have issues with flooding."



Until recently, Asheville's Sunny Point Cafe dealt with flooding issues caused by roof runoff. This flooding impacted their outdoor dining space and parking lots. Then in 2022, their Garden Manager, Alice, worked to redirect the problematic roof runoff into a series of rain barrels. Their rain barrels vary in size from 125 to 2000 gallons. The water collected in the rain barrels is now used to irrigate their garden beds.

Harvesting roof runoff to use in the garden addressed the restaurant's flooding issues and reduced their municipal water needs, saving money on their water bill.



Did you know?
Harvesting rain water with rain barrels can help manage runoff, prevent flooding, and save money on water bills.

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