

## Efficiency Toolkit

### Rainwater Harvesting

Conserving water doesn't always have to happen at the tap. For some facilities, they look outside to find other methods of saving water. In an effective example, a 500 gallon rainwater harvesting tank that collects water from the roof of a facility through two downspouts, was installed to collect rainwater for use in the facility's edible garden. After flowing off the roof and into the gutter system, the rainwater goes into the tank. A small pump can be installed to create adequate water pressure leaving the tank. Using the harvested water for a garden or green space creates an opportunity to water fruits and vegetables with rainwater as opposed to potable water that would come from a facility's system, thereby saving water and cost for the facility. Additionally, rainwater harvesting provides education and real-time experience around water conservation.



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