



OPERATION Ripple Effect™

SIMPLE STEPS: BIG BENEFITS FOR THE MOHAWK RIVER

PROJECT BULLETIN

Normally, our sanitary sewer system has enough capacity to operate properly. But, when we get heavy rains or sudden snow melts, stormwater overwhelms the system and causes overflows into the Mohawk River. That stormwater runoff enters the sanitary sewer system from multiple sources, including deteriorated and damaged public sanitary sewers and private property connections, such as roof leaders and sump pumps.

Operation Ripple Effect is a program of the Oneida County Sewer District that asks residents, businesses, and municipalities to do their part to reduce overflows. Together, we can help keep the Mohawk River clean.

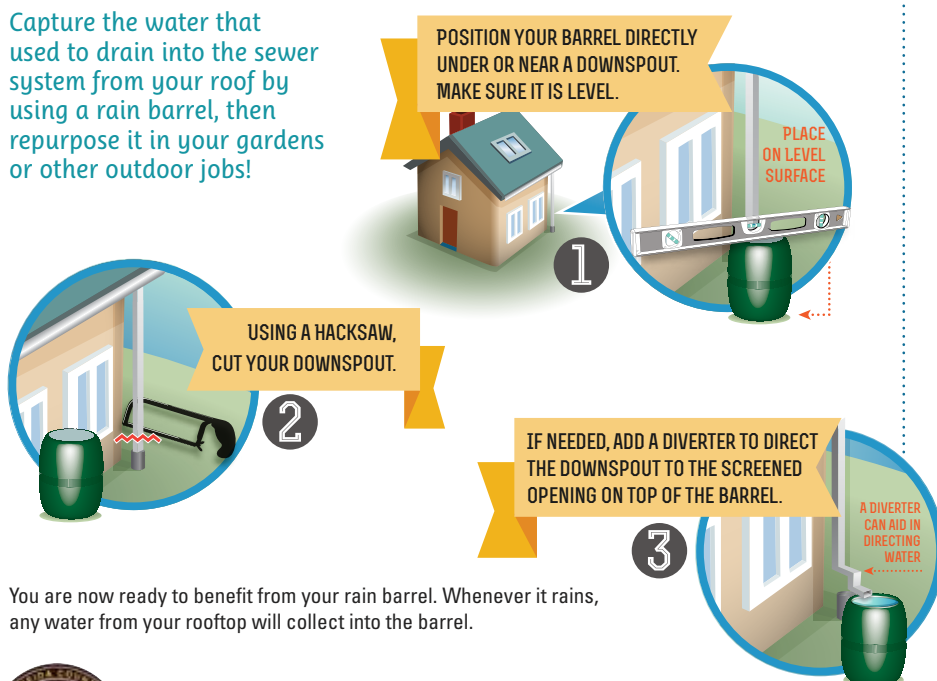
SIMPLE STEPS: Save money and keep water out of the sanitary sewer system!

If you have gutters on your home, a simple 10-minute project can help you save money and prevent stormwater from entering the sanitary sewer system! Capture the water that used to drain into the sewer system from your roof leader by using a rain barrel. Here are just a few of the things you can do with the water from a rain barrel:

- Water gardens, lawns, and hanging plants
- Easily fill watering cans
- Wash cars or pets
- Connect a soaker hose to automatically empty the barrel

INSTALL A RAIN BARREL

Capture the water that used to drain into the sewer system from your roof by using a rain barrel, then repurpose it in your gardens or other outdoor jobs!



You are now ready to benefit from your rain barrel. Whenever it rains, any water from your rooftop will collect into the barrel.

BIG IMPACTS: Into the Garden, Out of the Sewer

Representatives from the Oneida County Sewer District (OCSD) are now offering free educational presentations for recreation programs within the district during the summer months. This program, part of Operation Ripple Effect™, is geared toward students in third through seventh grades.

Into the Garden, Out of the Sewer is a program designed to show youths how anyone of any age can be a part of the solution. OCSD school program representatives engage in an interactive presentation that details what the problem is, why the problem exists and how they can become Mohawk River Champions! The presentation concludes with a fun activity and takes about 45 minutes to complete.

For more information or to schedule, contact Shannon Rounds at (315) 733-2313 or srounds@paigegroup.com.



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