

## RAINWATER HARVESTING: Operation and Maintenance

- Access shall be provided for cleaning, inspection and maintenance in all rain barrels. A drain plug shall also be provided to allow the system to be completely emptied if needed.
- Leaf screens, gutters and downspouts should be cleaned to prevent clogging. Built-up debris can also foster bacterial growth in gutters and downspouts.
- Storage tank lids and mosquito screens should be inspected and cleaned.
- Damaged components should be replaced as needed.
- To avoid freezing of components, above ground systems should be disconnected, drained and cleaned at the start of the winter season
- Underground system connections should be checked for frozen lines and ice blockages during winter.

