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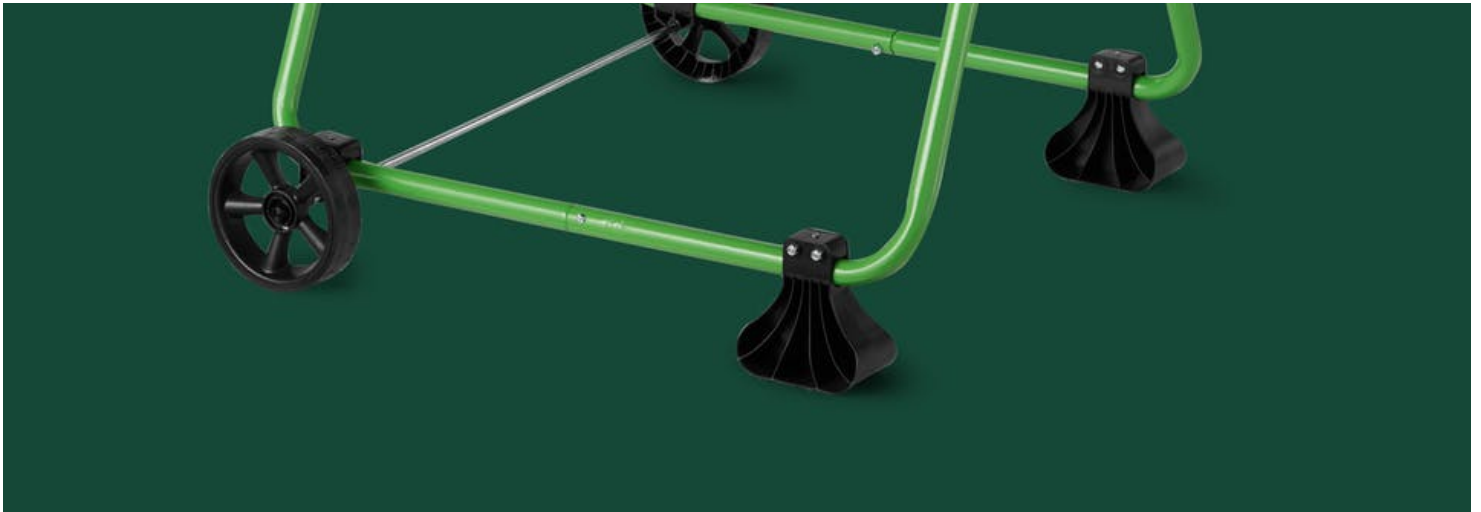
Reducing Your Impact

A Quick Guide to Being More Eco-Friendly

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We can all do a little more to be green and reduce our carbon footprint. One person isn't going to eradicate the oceans of plastic, but if we all practiced the reduce, reuse, recycle methodology, we'd collectively make a huge difference. A great way to make a small but mighty dent is using a few products we sell here on Spreetail– rain barrels and compost bins.

Collecting Rainwater

It's always a great idea to save money for a rainy day. But, how often do you think about saving the rainwater itself? If you haven't, it's easy to get started, even with the hustle and bustle of your day to day. Not only is it environmentally friendly to store away rainwater to reduce the usage of plastic bottles and excess from the tap, it's a great resource in case you experience a drought later on.

On Spreetail, we offer an array of barrels that are great for keeping some extra water stashed away for when you need it most. Like the line we carry from Good Ideas. Each one that we offer has a 50-gallon capacity without being overly bulky. To collect the water, walk along your house and find where your gutter drops down to the ground, otherwise known as the downspout. Place the spout into the barrel, and when it rains, the runoff from the rooftop will drain right into the barrel. Each one we offer is equipped with a mesh screen to keep critters out and are made of fully recycled materials that are resistant to rust, mold, mildew, and algae.

Composting

Another great way to go green is to utilize a compost bin. If you aren't aware, composting is the process of letting your organic waste material break down into soil conditioner. In other words, you can recycle food to make food for your food. You will be sending less to the nearby landfill and save money on trash bags.

You don't have to be an avid gardener to use a compost bin. They're simple to use, and you can find them on Spreetail. You can transform your egg shells, fruit peels, grass clippings, and gardening waste into nutritious food for your soil. Over the course of 3 to 4 weeks in a compost bin, those materials will break down and be ready to spread across your garden.

- To keep your compost from smelling bad, make sure that:
- The mixture has enough oxygen. A major key to any compost process is sufficient airflow.
- There isn't moisture buildup within the compost bin. That can cause mildew which will lead to smell.
- The mixture isn't too compacted within the bin. Trying to stuff the bin to the brim could lead to a bad day for your nose.

If you're doing it correctly, your compost mixture will just smell like regular dirt.

Best of Both Worlds

Perhaps you pick up both a rain barrel and a compost bin. You can collect compost material and rainwater at the same time. Once you spread the soil and plant your fruits and vegetables, you can use the water from your barrel in the garden. Whatever organic material you don't eat– like fruit rinds, plant stems, or scraps– you can just toss right into the compost. Save trips to the store, save money, and make an eco-friendly impact all from home with the help of Spreetail.

Need more help choosing the right barrel or compost bin? Connect with our experts 24/7 at 833-777-3382, hello@spreetail.com, or chat us down below. Be the first to know

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