



Do-it-yourselfers in Chichester, NH shared their SOAK story with us.

I installed a rain barrel to collect rain off my family room roof gutter to keep water from splashing on the deck and causing water problems near where the exterior wall and the deck meet. I use the water in the rain barrel for many things from watering flowers and veggies to cleaning out my water shoes.

I also installed a drip line infiltration trench on the back of my new garage using the Homeowners Guides to Stormwater Management. There is no gutter on this side of the garage roof and the land in the back of the garage is flat and the infiltration trench has worked great over the past 3 years.

These BMP's are visible from the road only in the spring and fall when the leaves are off the trees. The rain barrel is also removed from November to March.

~J. Andrews, Homeowner



Rain barrel attached to gutter downspout.

STORMWATER FOOTPRINT

By installing these practices, the Andrews have reduced their stormwater footprint. Each year they help protect clean water in their community by soaking up an estimated 8,654 gallons of runoff, 1.37 pounds of sediment, 0.01 pounds of phosphorus, and 0.07 pounds of nitrogen.



Dripline infiltration trench captures roof runoff.