

HOW TO:

Reroute A Downspout

LOCATE DOWNSPOUTS

Look for downspouts that are currently pointed towards a driveway, sidewalk, roadway, or other hard surface where stormwater runs off and does not soak in.

FIND GARDEN OR NATURAL SPACE NEARBY

Look near the downspout for a garden, landscaping, or natural area that has enough space for runoff to spread out on your own property (do NOT direct runoff onto a neighbor's property). You will redirect your downspout to that area.

VISIT HOME IMPROVEMENT STORE

Head to a local home improvement store to find either a splash block or a flexible downspout extender. Average costs run from \$10 - \$20, depending on the size and style.

OPTION 1: LAY DOWN SPLASH BLOCK

Take your splash block and lay it under your downspout so that the wide end is pointed towards the garden, landscaping, or natural area you found earlier. The splash block will also help prevent erosion directly under the downspout.

OPTION 2: INSTALL FLEXIBLE REROUTER

Pull on both ends of the flexible downspout extender to expand it. Attach one end to the downspout and twist the other end of the extender towards the garden, landscaping, or natural area you found earlier. Avoid laying it over a walkway, which can be a tripping hazard (a shorter splash block may work better near walkways). These can also be used to set up rain barrels.

OPTION 3: INSTALL A RAIN BARREL

If there isn't enough yard space or you have poor drainage, you can install a rain barrel instead! For local rain barrel sales and directions on how to install one, visit www.nhcgov.com/273/Rain-Barrel-Sales.

