

Choosing to water by hose or rain barrel



Advantages to Watering by using the Rain Barrels (water provided by rain or school via their tap)

By using the rainwater barrels (filled with tap water during dry spells), the low pressure of water from the barrels is safest for use with small children, and allows for a more deliberate and gentle pace when watering with seedlings and sloped beds. Buckets/watering cans are left at the faucet inside the garden, or in the storage bin nearest the Lower School Building. Use the water from the rain barrels to fill the buckets/watering cans and use these to water. However, the water pressure from the barrels, is inadequate for use with the hose and wand.

When the barrels have been filled with rain water, it is also more ecological to use that water than letting it go down the drain. Two rounds of watering works best, because it allows the water to seep down to the roots without washing away the soil. There are instructions for watering using the rain barrels found on the instruction sheets beginners will receive at orientation, and available at the log book located in the garden storage bin on the Charles Street side of the garden.

Advantages to Watering by using the Hose (water provided by school via their tap)

The hose (as well as the buckets for safely watering the seedlings) can be used with the full tap water pressure and tends to go faster than using only the buckets and barrels. The wand is useful for reaching the distances of beds 1-3, and for the hard to reach mature plants when trying to avoid wetting the leaves during hot days. However, the full water pressure can easily wash away the soil from sloped beds if you are not careful. There are instructions for watering using the hose/wand found on the instruction sheets beginners will receive at orientation, and available at the log book located in the garden storage bin on the Charles Street side of the garden.