

## Garden Pal Rain Barrel Potential Hazard Warnings

### Installation Hazard

Injury could occur during the installation process when handling sharp edges on the downspouts or cutting holes in the downspout. To avoid injury, always wear proper gloves to help protect against cuts or scratches and safety glasses to avoid injury to the eyes.

To avoid damage to your home's siding, insert a protective shield (such as plywood sheeting) between the downspout and the siding to help protect against damage caused by improper installation.

### Electrocution Hazard

If downspouts contain heating cables or other electrical conduits, serious injury, death or property damage could occur if precautions are not taken during installation to prevent electrocution or fire. Do not cut downspouts without first inspecting to ensure there are no cables or conduits present.

### Drowning Hazard

Never use the Garden Pal without the screen in place. Never permit children or pets to play on, in or near the Garden Pal. Never place the Garden Pal near a deck, porch, stairs, chairs or other obstacles that could be used by children or pets to climb above, onto or into the Garden Pal. Never place the Garden Pal in a location that would allow a person or pet to fall from an elevated surface onto or into the Garden Pal from above (e.g. a location such as a deck or home built atop stilts or pylons).

The Garden Pal is not a toy. Do not leave children unattended near the Garden Pal.

### Tilting/Tipping Hazard

Never place the Garden Pal on a surface that is not solid and level.

An empty Garden Pal weighs significantly less than a Garden Pal containing water. Do not attempt to move a Garden Pal that contains water. Allow some water to remain in the Garden Pal to help stabilize it, except when winterizing the barrel.

### Contamination Hazard

Never allow people or animals to drink water from the Garden Pal. Never use the water from the Garden Pal for cooking, bathing, washing laundry or cleaning dishes and eating utensils or in any other manner that may result in ingestion of contaminated water.

Water in the Garden Pal could become stagnant or contaminated with bacteria, microscopic parasites, viruses or other organic or inorganic compounds. Drinking stagnant or contaminated water may result in serious illness or death. Examples of diseases caused by drinking contaminated water include Cholera, Typhoid, Dysentery,

Gastroenteritis, Hepatitis, Cryptosporidiosis and Giardiasis. For more information about these diseases, their symptoms or treatments, please consult a medical professional or contact the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, or the Office of Global Health. In the event of accidental consumption of contaminated water, seek IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION.

## Infestation Hazard

Improper installation of the Garden Pal, using the Garden Pal without its screen, failing to properly place and secure the screen, using a Garden Pal that is cracked or damaged and failing to regularly clean gutters/downspouts and the diverter may result in mosquito larvae and other infestation. Mosquitos and other insects are capable of transmitting disease. Water is necessary for mosquito and other insect development, and containers of all types that hold water, including the Garden Pal, can potentially serve as habitat for mosquitos and other insects. Following the directions for proper placement and using the Garden Pal as described in these instructions is essential to reduce the risk of creating habitats for mosquitos and other insects.

Some of the diseases transmitted by mosquitos and other insects include West Nile Virus, various strains of encephalitis such as Eastern Equine Encephalitis, St. Louis Encephalitis, Western Equine Encephalitis, La Crosse Encephalitis, Japanese Encephalitis, Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis and other diseases such as Canine Heart Worm, Yellow Fever, Malaria, Chikungunya Fever, Semliki Forest Virus, Barmah Forest Virus, Ross River Virus, Sindbis Virus and Dengue Fever. For more information about mosquito and other insect transmitted diseases in your area, symptoms or treatments, please consult a medical professional or contact the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, or the Office of Global Health.