

SEASONAL GARDEN GOODS

As the hot summer months arrive and many communities face water restrictions, water conservation becomes increasingly important. Here are some products to help you save water and money.



Collect chemical-free water for your garden with the compact **RainCatcher** barrel. Each 54-gallon container includes a linking kit so you can add more barrels as needed. Made of 25 percent recycled plastic, each barrel features a child-safety lid, and a mesh screen to prevent accumulation of debris. Retail for \$119. Gardener's Supply Company. (800) 427-3363. www.gardeners.com.

Newly planted trees need to be regularly watered until they become established. The **WaterRing** provides a constant supply of water for about two weeks, depending on environmental conditions. Each 23-inch UV-resistant plastic ring can be filled with up to 5 gallons of water; it can also be connected to an irrigation system. Available for \$18.95 from Lee Valley Tools, Ltd. (800) 871-8158. www.leevalley.com.



The trigger function of the **Touch 'N Flow Rain Wand** makes it a snap to shut off the water or control water pressure to produce a gentle shower that won't damage delicate plants or disrupt the soil. Its ergonomic, cushioned grip makes hand-watering comfortable. Available in assorted fun colors. A 30-inch wand retails for \$19.98 from Dramm. (920) 684-0227. www.dramm.com.



Watering hard-to-reach areas of your garden is no longer a problem with the **Noodlehead** sprinkler. Its 12 flexible nozzles can be bent in any direction to target water where you need it, up to 15 feet away. Sells for \$19.95. An optional Extend-A-Riser (\$11.95) holds the sprinkler above tall vegetation. Charley's Greenhouse & Garden. (800) 322-4707. www.charleysgreenhouse.com.