

# How to Paint Your RainLife Barrel

1. Clean outside of barrel by wiping it down or washing it to remove any debris.
2. Dry barrel
3. Roughen the outside of the barrel using a fine to medium grade sandpaper. This will help your paint adhere to the barrel
4. Clean outside of barrel again by wiping it down or washing it to remove any debris.
5. Dry barrel
6. Prime the barrel.
  - a. Usually only needs one coat.
  - b. Primer is normally white, but can be tinted.
7. There are many different kinds of primer, spray can or roll-on. We prefer to use a paint or roll-on primer.
8. Allow primer to dry
9. The barrel is now ready for painting.
  - a. Any type of paint can now be used.
  - b. It can be painted to match your house or to blend in with your landscaping
  - c. Stencils, patterns, or just freehand designs are also nice.
10. Allow paint to dry
11. Apply 1-2 coats of polyurethane, allowing to dry b/w coats
12. There is a spray paint product on the market that is designed specifically for outdoor plastic furniture. You can also use this, which allows you to skip the whole priming process. If you want to use this to paint small details, simply spray the paint into a cup, making a small pool of paint, and brush on barrel. Surfboard painter markers also work well on unprimed barrels. If you go this route, without sanding and priming, be aware that it may chip more easily.
13. Other alternatives to paint....
  - a. Bamboo, lattice, landscaping, etc.
  - b. Get creative, you can even get the kids involved

