

# How To: Make a Critter Guard for your Rain Barrel



Do you....

1. Live in an area where chipmunks or other small critters live AND
2. Have a rain barrel?

**Then you should consider putting a critter guard on your overflow hose to prevent accidental drownings. It's easy and can be made with materials/tools typically found in the home.**

**Materials:** Screen/Mesh/Chicken Wire; Zip-tie (at least 4" in length)

**Tools:** Needle-nose Pliers; Drill with appropriate bit (optional)

**Step 1:** Cut your screen to a size just bigger than the end of the overflow hose.

**Step 2:** Create two holes on opposite sides of the overflow hose. A drill and drill bit can be used to make the holes easily.

**Step 3:** Thread the zip-tie through the two holes.

**Step 4:** Secure the screen to the overflow hose using the zip-tie. Cut any excess zip-tie off.

**Step 5:** Re-attach overflow hose to rain barrel.



Questions??

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