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.

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