

# Rain Chains

## What are they?

Rain chains originated in Japan hundreds of years ago. They work exactly like American downspouts, but they do it in a way that brings pleasure and delight. What makes rain chains so unique is that the water falling from your roof is actually seen instead of contained. Rain swirls and flows down, creating a mesmerizing sense of motion and tranquility right outside your window. The rain chain works by breaking the fall of rainwater, which adheres to the chain due to surface tension. It is a perfect way to divert the water off your roof either into a rain garden or rain barrel. The beautiful, pure copper rain chain when added to your home exterior is an architectural accent. Over time the copper develops a rich blue-green patina which make them beautiful on dry days too.



*This rain chain was featured as part of a rain garden designed by [Emmons and Oliver Resources](#) in the [Eco Experience](#) building at the [Minnesota State Fair](#) in 2006. The rain falling off the roof is diverted down the rain chain onto a rock waterfall that ultimately leads to a rain garden. This beautiful display of water resource management caught everybody's eye and was one of the highlights of the exhibit.*

## How are Rain Chains Installed?

Rain chains designed for American homes easily installs into pre-existing rain gutters. First remove your old rain gutter downspout. Rain chains that are designed for American homes come with an expandable copper hanger. Simply squeeze the copper hanger and insert it into your existing rain gutter drain hole at a corner eave of your home or patio. Secure the bottom of the rain chain to the ground where your proper drainage is located.

**For more information on purchasing or installing a rain chain on your property go to [www.rainchain.com](http://www.rainchain.com).**