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Step2 Lakewood Rain Barrel with Stand

Model: 545599 | Brand: Step2

1. Introduction

The Step2 Lakewood Rain Barrel with Stand is designed for efficient rainwater collection and conservation. This system allows you to capture up to 60 gallons of rainwater, providing a sustainable water source for your gardening needs. Its elevated design facilitates easy access for filling watering cans, and the integrated mesh screen helps maintain water cleanliness by filtering debris.

Key Features:

- **60 Gallon Capacity:** Ample storage for rainwater.
- **Elevated Design:** Improves water pressure and simplifies filling watering cans.
- **Stainless Steel Mesh Screen:** Filters fine debris and prevents insect breeding.
- **Durable ¾" Brass Spigot:** Provides reliable water dispensing.
- **Linkable Design:** Allows connection of multiple barrels for increased storage and overflow management.
- **Double-Walled Plastic Construction:** Resists chipping, fading, cracking, and peeling for long-lasting use.

Image 1.1: The Step2 Lakewood Rain Barrel with Stand, showcasing its design and integration into an outdoor space.

2. Safety Information

- Ensure the rain barrel is placed on a stable, level surface to prevent tipping, especially when full.
- Keep the mesh screen securely in place to prevent children or small animals from falling into the barrel and to deter mosquito breeding.
- Do not drink water collected from the rain barrel without proper purification, as it may contain contaminants.
- Position the barrel away from structures where overflow could cause damage.
- In freezing conditions, drain the barrel completely to prevent damage from ice expansion.

3. Package Contents

Verify that all components are present before beginning assembly:

- Rain Barrel (1)
- Rain Barrel Stand (1)
- ¾” Brass Spigot (1)
- Stainless Steel Mesh Screen (1)
- Teflon Tape (1 roll)

4. Setup and Assembly

Minimal assembly is required for your Step2 Lakewood Rain Barrel. Follow these steps for proper setup:

1. **Position the Stand:** Place the rain barrel stand on a firm, level surface near a downspout. Ensure the location is stable and can support the weight of a full barrel (approximately 500 lbs when full).
2. **Place the Rain Barrel:** Carefully lift the rain barrel and set it onto the stand, ensuring it is centered and stable.
3. **Install the Spigot:** Wrap the threads of the ¾” brass spigot with the provided Teflon tape. Screw the spigot into the designated opening at the bottom front of the rain barrel until hand-tight, then use a wrench to tighten it an additional quarter to half turn. Do not overtighten.
4. **Install the Mesh Screen:** Place the stainless steel mesh screen over the top opening of the rain barrel. Secure it in place using the provided screws. This screen prevents leaves, debris, and insects from entering the barrel.
5. **Connect to Downspout:** Position your downspout directly over the mesh screen opening. If necessary, modify your downspout to direct rainwater into the barrel. The extra-large opening accommodates standard downspouts.

Image 4.1: The rain barrel positioned on its elevated stand, ready for downspout connection.

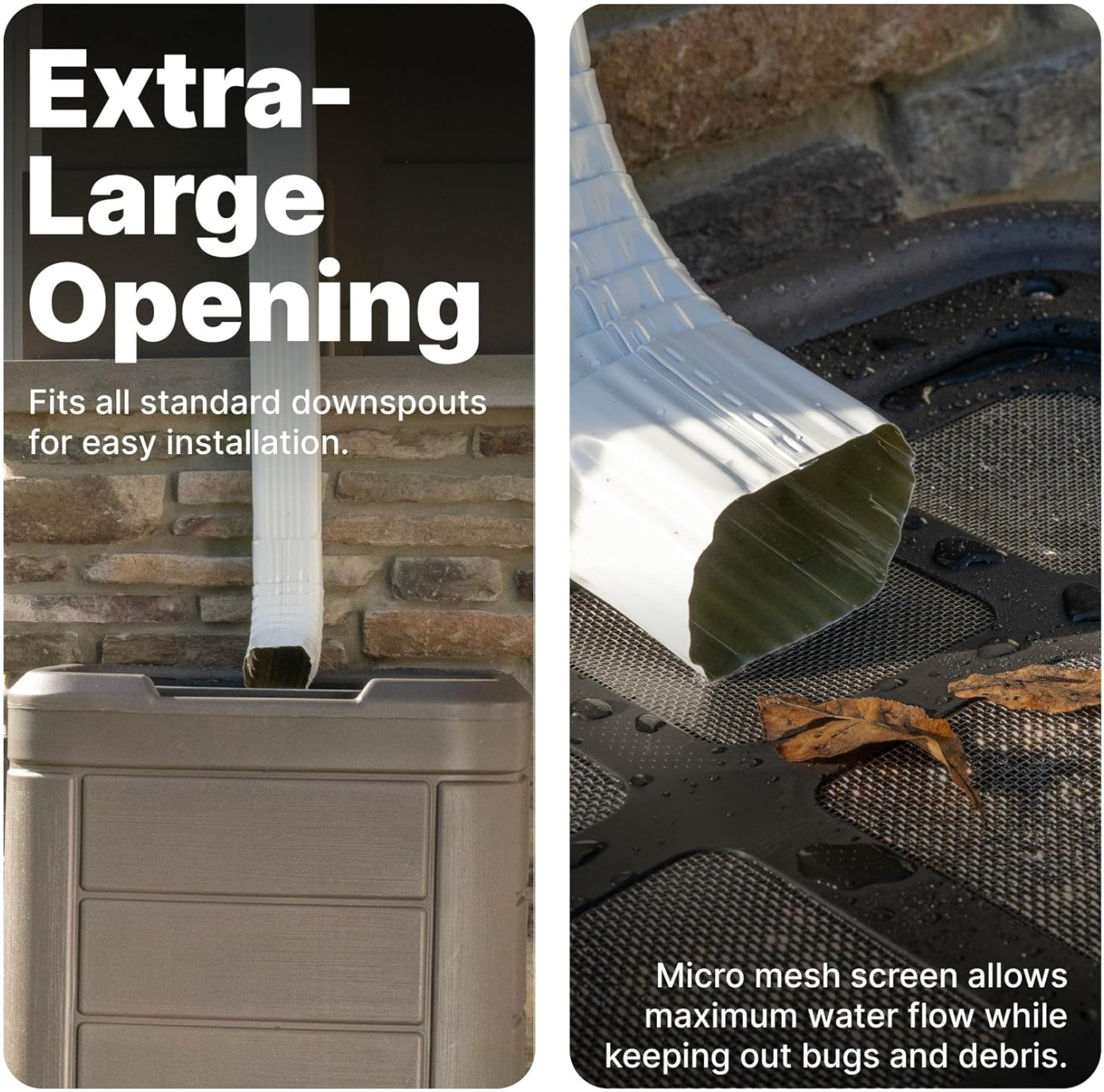

Image 4.2: Detail of the extra-large opening and mesh screen, designed for easy downspout integration and debris filtration.

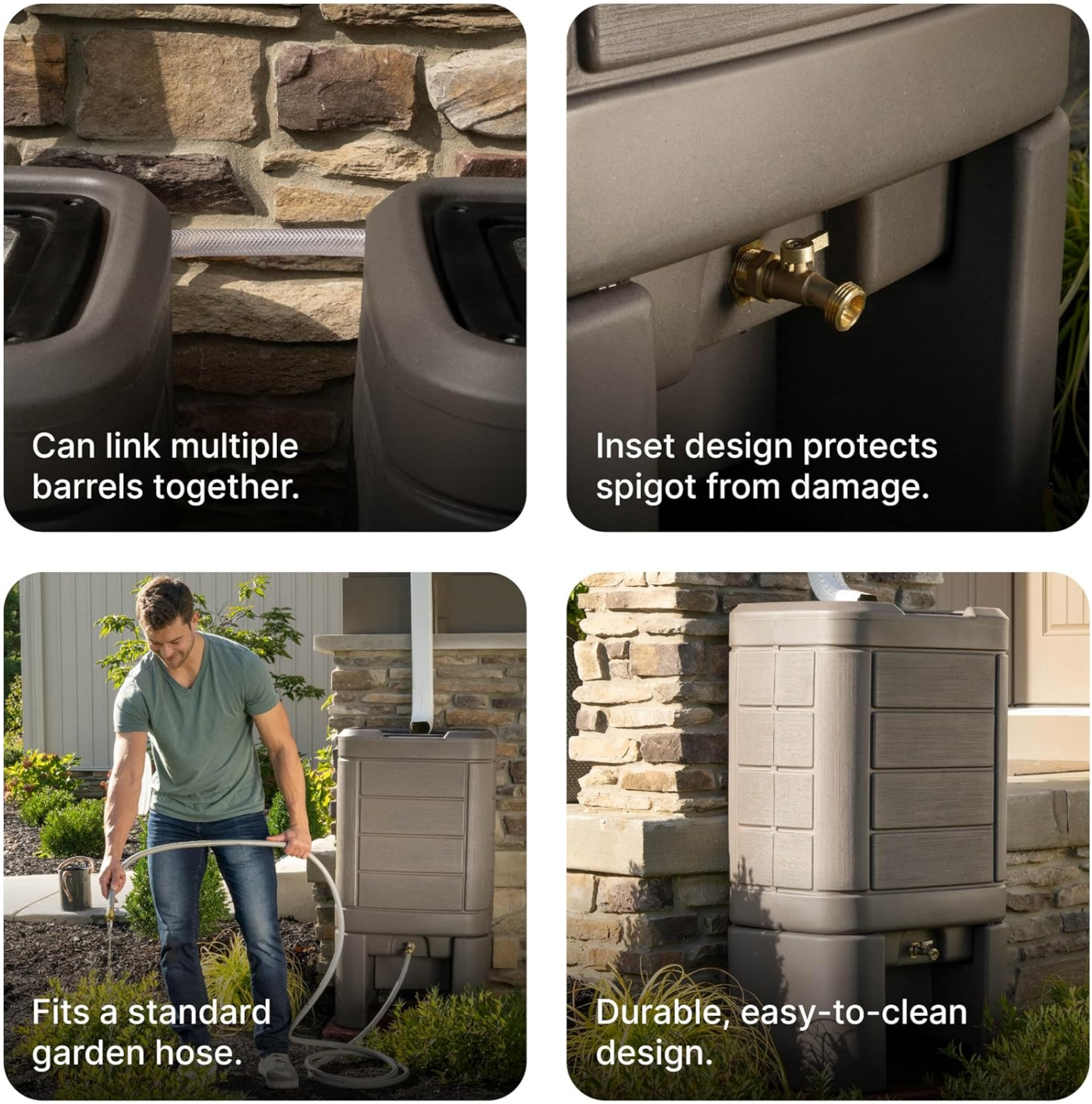

Image 4.3: Illustration of linking multiple rain barrels for expanded capacity and the protected inset spigot.

Optional: Linking Multiple Barrels

For increased water storage, multiple Lakewood Rain Barrels can be linked together. This typically involves connecting an overflow hose from the top of one barrel to the inlet of another. Refer to the specific linking kit instructions if purchased separately.

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Video 4.1: Official product video demonstrating the setup and use of the Step2 Lakewood Rain Barrel with Stand. This video provides a visual guide to installation and functionality.

5. Operating Instructions

1. **Rainwater Collection:** Once properly installed, the rain barrel will automatically collect rainwater from your downspout. The mesh screen will filter out larger debris.

2. **Water Dispensing:** To access the collected water, open the ¾" brass spigot. You can fill watering cans directly or attach a standard garden hose for broader application. The elevated stand provides sufficient clearance for most watering cans.
3. **Monitoring Water Level:** Periodically check the water level in the barrel. If linking multiple barrels, ensure proper flow between them.

6. Maintenance

- **Regular Cleaning:** Periodically inspect and clean the mesh screen to ensure optimal water flow and prevent clogging. Remove any accumulated leaves or debris.
- **Barrel Cleaning:** If sediment builds up inside the barrel, drain it completely and rinse with clean water. A mild soap solution can be used for stubborn residue, followed by thorough rinsing.
- **Winterization:** In regions with freezing temperatures, it is crucial to drain the rain barrel completely before the first freeze. Disconnect the downspout and spigot, and store them indoors if possible. Leaving water in the barrel during freezing conditions can cause the plastic to crack or burst.
- **Spigot Maintenance:** Check the spigot for leaks or blockages. If a leak occurs, re-apply Teflon tape and re-tighten.

7. Troubleshooting

- **Low Water Flow from Spigot:** Check if the spigot is fully open. Ensure the barrel contains sufficient water. Inspect the spigot for any blockages or debris.
- **Water Overflowing from Top:** This indicates the barrel is full. If you have linked multiple barrels, ensure the overflow connection is clear. If not, consider adding another barrel or redirecting the downspout once the barrel is full.
- **Mosquitoes Present:** Ensure the mesh screen is securely fastened and free of holes. Mosquitoes can breed in standing water if not properly covered.
- **Leaks:** Check all connections, especially the spigot. Re-apply Teflon tape and tighten if necessary. Inspect the barrel for any cracks or damage.

8. Specifications

Attribute	Detail
Brand	Step2
Model Number	545599
Color	Brown
Material	Plastic
Capacity	60 Gallons
Product Dimensions (H x W x D)	46" x 24" x 20" (117 cm x 61 cm x 51 cm)
Top Opening Dimensions	15" x 11" (38 cm x 28 cm)
Spigot from Ground	13" (33 cm)

Item Weight	34 Pounds

Image 8.1: Detailed dimensions of the rain barrel and stand.

9. Warranty and Support

For warranty information, product registration, or technical support, please refer to the official Step2 website or contact their customer service department. Keep your purchase receipt and model number (545599) for any inquiries.

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