

# SOAKER HOSE FAQ's

1. Q: How do I use compression fittings?  
A: Compression fittings fit over the outside of Soaker Hose or poly tubing. Simply rock back and forth while pushing the fitting on. Once on, the fitting will not come off. If need be, you might be able to take the fittings off, by gently rocking back and forth to remove, (Caution, this could cause the hose to break off in the fitting.)
2. Q: Can I bury my Soaker Hose?  
A: Burying rain barrel soaker hose is not recommended. Use it on the top of the ground surface. You can cover it with a layer of mulch (recommended for best results and also decreasing water evaporation).
3. Q: Can I attach my Rain Barrel Soaker Hose to my faucet?  
A: No. Rain Barrel Soaker Hose is more porous than our other soaker hoses. It is specially made to work with gravity only.
4. Q: How important is a filter?  
A: A 200 mesh filter is a must have in order to filter out small particles or insects that may end up in your rain barrel.
5. Q: Can I run Rain Barrel Soaker Hose higher than my barrel?  
A. No, water runs down hill. Your soaker hose can never be higher than your source of water.
6. Q: There are some holes in my soaker hose that are clogged, how do I clear them?  
A: Do a pressure purge. To begin this process, remove your rain barrel soaker hose and attach it to a faucet or garden hose, leaving the end capped. Turn your faucet on all the way for 1 minute then off for 1 minute. Repeat this cycle 3 times. At the end of the 3rd cycle, remove the cap and flush out the system for about 3 minutes. Re-install the cap and hook back up to your rain barrel.  
*Helpful Hint: If possible, walking on or squeezing the Soaker Hose (especially the area of concern) will assist with breaking the buildup from the hose wall to flush out during this process.*
7. Q: Can I use the Soaker Hose to water a lawn?  
A: It can be used on the surface for spot watering. Burying the Soaker Hose is not recommended. Roots can grow into the hose causing it to clog and not work properly.
8. Q: How do I winterize my system?  
A: Drain all water from hose. Remove all end caps to allow for drainage. If possible, use air pressure to blow out all water from the system. Water left in any fittings will freeze and crack.
9. Q: What is the difference between a drip system and a soaker hose?  
A: Drip systems place water precisely to an individual plant and a soaker hose weeps water the entire length of the hose, making it perfect for a garden application.
10. Q: Can drip emitters and soaker hoses be used together?  
A: We do not recommend it because each applies water at a different rate and trying to balance each one of these would be challenging.