How to Install A Rain Barrel Overflow Valve

Step 1: Drill a 3/4 of a inch hole or the size of your overflow spigot. Be sure the hole is not right over your bottom spigot. Preferable you want it about a 1/4 turn from the bottom spigot. You want it about 6 inches from the top. Check the placement before you actually drill.

Step 2: Wrap the threads of the spigot with "Teflon Tape". This will prevent the spigot from leaking. Then screw the spigot into the drilled whole. Then turn the valve to open the spigot. Now you may attach a short segment of hose to direct the overflow away from the house.

You may want to use other plumbing products that will allow for faster overflow and may prevent the barrel from over topping. These option may require more gluing and parts but be creative!

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