

What is a Rain Barrel?

Rain barrels are designed to catch rain water that runs off your roof and store it for a not-so-rainy day when your garden may be thirsty!

Rain barrels are a great way to help reduce the amount of storm water that runs off your property into municipal storm water systems and local streams, rivers and lakes.



A rain barrel is generally made from a plastic 50-60 gallon barrel (re-used is always best) and is equipped with fittings

for attachment to the downspout of your home, barn or office building. Rain barrels are also fitted with an overflow outlet and fittings at the bottom for connection to a standard garden hose.

This workshop will offer you the chance to save quite a bit of money by building your own rain barrel! Our barrels are recycled and no harmful chemicals were stored in the barrels so your plants can have fresh, clean rain water even when it has not rained for a few days!



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Ottawa Conservation District presents:

Build Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop



MAY 1, 2014 @ 6:30 P.M.

HUGHES PARK COMMONS BUILDING

\$30 fee - preregistration required

Registration Deadline: April 23!



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THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2014
6:30 P.M.

Hughes Park Commons Building
5500 Hughes Drive,
Hudsonville, MI 49426

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We will be supplying you with everything necessary to build your rain barrel, you just need to bring yourself and a smile!

The rain barrels you will be making will be made from 55 gallon white or blue plastic barrels. These barrels are approximately 24 inches in diameter, so make sure you have enough room in your vehicle to get them home! (one will fit in the back seat of a standard size car)

They work best with homes that have gutters installed, so if you do not, be thoughtful about where you want to place it. Rain barrels can be connected to each other to increase storage capacity if you wish.

REASONS TO USE A RAIN BARREL!

- **Save Money!** Rain water is free! If you are on city water, using a rain barrel to store rain water for use in your garden can save a bundle off your water bill!
- **Healthy Plants!** Naturally softened rain water is what plants really want!
- **Conserve Water!** Fresh water is a most precious natural resource. Using rain barrels to store water between rains means you use less city or well water for your lawn and garden.
- **Reduce Your Stormwater Runoff!** For most of us, water that runs off our buildings, lawns, driveways and roads eventually ends up in nearby rivers and streams—but only AFTER it has picked up harmful contaminants. Storing water in a rain barrel keeps it clean and useable and reduces your impact on rivers, lakes and streams.



BUILD YOUR OWN RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Deadline: April 23

Space is limited, please pre-register so we are sure to have enough supplies for everyone!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Number attending _____ @ \$30.00 =

Total enclosed _____

Checks made payable to:

*Ottawa Conservation District
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If you would like to pay with cash, please come in to our office at the address below Monday through Friday 8am to 4:30pm.

Sorry, we are not able to accept credit cards.

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