STORMWATER TOOL

Rain Barrel

PWD's Rain Barrel program gives homeowners an opportunity to reduce pollution that would otherwise end up in our creeks and rivers. Rain barrels are installed by our partner, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, for anyone who attends our rain barrel workshops.



What is a Rain Barrel?

- A rain barrel is a storage container connected to a downspout to capture stormwater runoff from the roof.
- Rain barrels usually consist of a plastic storage container, a system that diverts water into the barrel, and a water spigot to which a garden hose can attach or a watering-can can be filled.
- PWD rain barrels are 55 gallon, blue, recycled, food-grade barrels that measure approximately 22.5" diameter and 36.5" height.
- Our rain barrels are completely sealed so there is no need to worry about mosquitoes.

Benefits of a Rain Barrel

- Rain water can be reused for watering gardens, lawns and more.
- Philadelphia homeowners can save money that would otherwise be spent on tap water.
- By storing rain water during rain events, there is a decreased impact of stormwater runoff on our streams and rivers, making them healthier waterways.
- The rain barrel and installation are FREE!

Caring for your Rain Barrel

- Be sure to empty your rain barrel after each rainstorm (full rain barrels can't capture stormwater!)
- In the winter, you should completely drain your barrel and detach it from the downspout. A winter plug is provided to seal the hole in your downspout.

What will it cost?

- Rain barrels and the installation are free!

Sign Up!

- Sign up for a free Rain Check workshop: **pwdraincheck.org**

For more info on the Rain Check Program visit
www.pwdraincheck.org

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