

RAIN BARRELS

Save the Rain for a Sunny Day!

Upcoming Rain Barrel Workshop for City of Hilliard Residents

Join the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District for a “Make Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop”! Learn the benefits of capturing rain water while preventing flooding and pollution downstream. Make your own rain barrel, downspout diverter included, to take home. Rain barrels have a 55 gallon capacity and are blue. The workshop cost is \$45 per barrel and is **Thursday, August 26th from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at the Hilliard Community Center, 3800 Veterans Memorial Drive. Register and pay by August 13^{1st} to secure your spot. Please make check payable to Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District. Please call (614) 486-9613 x125 with any questions. Register soon as space is limited!

What is a Rain Barrel?

A rain barrel is a container used to collect and store rainwater that would otherwise be lost to runoff and likely diverted to a storm drain. Collected water may then be used to water lawns and gardens. Rainwater can be harvested in many ways.

Why use a Rain Barrel?

WATER CONSERVATION

Approximately 60% of our municipal water supply goes directly to watering our lawns. By using rain barrels, you lessen the amount of water flowing into our storm drains, sewer systems, and ultimately local waterways. This water can then be used during hot or dry spells to water your garden.

PROTECTION OF LOCAL WATERSHEDS

Seventy million pounds of pesticides are applied to lawns each year, contaminating storm water (rainwater) runoff. Fertilizers and pesticides are a primary source of water pollution. By collecting rainwater, you prevent that runoff from picking up and carrying these harmful pollutants into our local waterways.

NATURAL GARDENING

Using rainwater to water your garden is natural and healthy. Plants and beneficial microbes in the soil like rainwater because it is naturally soft - free of chlorine, fluoride, and other chemicals.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Please mail form and payment to 3800 Veterans Memorial Dr, Hilliard, Ohio 43026 Make check payable to Franklin County Water Conservation District. Deadline to register is August 26.