

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 white, 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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Build Your Own Rain Barrel

Earth Day Event

Saturday, April 21, 2012

1pm-2pm or 3pm-4pm

Grand Haven Community Center

\$30 fee ~ preregistration required



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Build Your Own Rain Barrel!

• Save Money • Conserve Water • Reduce your Impact

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.



Join us on Sat, April 21
Grand Haven Community Center
421 Columbus Ave.
Grand Haven MI 49417

Michigan weather in April is unpredictable at best, so we plan to hold this event inside. If the weather cooperates, however, we may move outside to assemble the rain barrels, so please come dressed accordingly!

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 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)

The cost for registration is \$30.00 per person and provides all materials to make one rain barrel each.



Build Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop Registration

Registration Deadline: April 1

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

X \$30.00 =

Total enclosed

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE SESSION:

Session 1, 1pm-2pm

Session 2, 3pm-4pm

___ Check enclosed made payable to:

Ottawa Conservation District

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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