



Earth Day Lakeshore Celebration
Saturday, April 18, 2015
Rain Barrel Workshop
Registration Form



Rain Barrel Basics

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 help reduce the amount of storm water that runs off your property into municipal storm water systems and local streams, rivers and lakes. Generally, a rain barrel is generally made from a plastic 50-60 gallon barrel (re-used is always best) and 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 for connection to a standard garden hose.

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 Storm Water 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.



The Rain Barrel Workshop is Saturday, April 18
Register for the 1 – 2 p.m. OR 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. session
Grand Haven Community Center
421 Columbus Ave. Grand Haven, MI 49417

The workshop will be held in the lower level of the Community Center. If the weather is beautiful, we may move outside to assemble the rain barrels, so please come dressed accordingly.

We will supply you with everything necessary to build your rain barrel. You just need to bring yourself and a smile.

The rain barrel you will make is constructed 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).

Registration is \$30.00 per person and includes all materials to make one rain barrel each. Advance registration is required.

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Workshop presented by Ottawa Conservation District

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 10, 2015

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Preferred session time (please select one):

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. _____

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. _____

Please send this form along with your check for \$30 per person, payable to Ottawa Conservation District to:
Ottawa Conservation District, 16731 Ferris Street, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

- Registrations must be received by Friday, April 10, 2015.
- If you prefer, you are welcome to deliver your registration in person. Ottawa Conservation District hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 – 4:30.
- Credit cards may be used when registering in person at the Ottawa Conservation District office.
- For more information call (616) 846-5852, Ext. 5.



Thank you to Old Orchard for donating a portion of the barrels for this program