



Residents Acting In Nature preservation

RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

Wednesday, June 17, 2009
Seven Hills Recreation Center (Gathering Room)
7:00pm – 8:30pm

The City of Seven Hills and the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District will be discussing the importance and purpose of rain barrels and why you should install one at your home. The presenters will show attendees how to install them at their home with several rain barrels being installed at City Hall and the Recreation Center.

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** - 70 million pounds of pesticides are applied to lawns each year, contaminating storm water (rainwater) runoff. Fertilizers and pesticides are the primary source of water pollution. By collecting rain water, 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 like rainwater because it is naturally soft - free of chlorine, fluoride, and other chemicals.
- **SAVE MONEY ON YOUR STORM WATER BILL** – The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District intends to give a monetary credit to homeowners that use rain barrels when the new storm water fee begins. You will also save money on your water and sewer bill too.

WHY ATTEND?

FREE EVENT: All attendees (one per household) will be entered into a drawing to win a free rain barrel with diverter kit. **A total of ten (10) rain barrel with diverter kits will be raffled off at the conclusion of the event.** Information on purchasing a rain barrel kit will be offered as well. Light refreshments will be available.

To register: Contact Amy Roskilly, Conservation Education Coordinator
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