

# RAIN BARREL SALE

*April 1-30, 2010*



*Painted rain barrel*



## About Rain Barrels

A rain barrel is a water tank which is used to collect and store rainwater at the end of your downspout, which you can then use to water plants, wash your car and further reduce your water bill while also reducing polluted runoff from getting to our rivers and streams. They are a simple, efficient, low-cost method for homeowners to collect and recycle water. Using rain as a resource in rain gardens and rain barrels can have a dramatic impact on water quality in our rivers and streams and will help reduce flooding. Some facts about rain barrels and the tremendous impact they can have on our water resources:



- It's estimated that during the hot summer months, the average home owner uses 40 percent of the household water in the yard.
- Collecting the mineral rich & chlorine free rain that falls on your roof can help your garden, houseplants and reduce your water bill.
- Modern rain barrels are sealed, safe around children and insect resistant.
- A hose spigot on the front makes the captured rainwater available.
- Keeping the rain that falls on our property, utilizing it, and not allowing it to run off will help recharge the water supply and reduce the stress on our creeks and rivers.
- A quarter-inch of rain falling on the average home yields over 200 gallons of water.

# Rain Barrel Reservation

In an effort to promote water conservation, the *Village of Downers Grove* and *The Conservation Foundation* have partnered to make rain barrels available to residents at a reduced price.

These 55-gallon, recycled food grade plastic rain barrels come equipped with a spigot, garden hose threaded overflow and screen in the top to help keep out bugs and debris, and have screw off lids.



Color choices are: **Terra-cotta, Grey, Black**

## What is *The Conservation Foundation*?

Established in 1972, *The Conservation Foundation* is a not-for-profit land and watershed protection organization serving northeastern Illinois. Their mission is to preserve open space and natural lands, protect rivers and watersheds, and promote stewardship of the environment. **The Foundation will present information about rain barrels on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 7 p.m. at Village Hall, 801 Burlington Avenue.**

## What is the cost?

\$70 each. Reserving as part of the bulk Village order saves residents \$15 over the regular price.

## How do I reserve a rain barrel?

Return mail-in reservation form OR complete the reservation form online at [www.downers.us](http://www.downers.us). **Reservations will be accepted through April 30, 2010**

## Payment and Pick-up

Customers are responsible for picking up their rain barrels at the Downtown Downers Grove Market at the Main Street Train Station on **Saturday, May 8, 2010, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. NO DELIVERY IS AVAILABLE.** Pick-up will be on the north side of the station. Checks ONLY, made payable to *The Conservation Foundation* will be accepted. Payment may be made the day of pick-up or enclosed with the mail-in reservation form.

## A rain barrel will be on display through the month of April at the following locations:

- 💧 **April 5-9:** Park District Recreation Center, 4500 Belmont Road
- 💧 **April 12-16:** Downers Grove Public Library, 1050 Curtiss Street,
- 💧 **April 19-23:** Village Hall, 801 Burlington Avenue
- 💧 **April 26-30:** Lincoln Center, 935 Maple Avenue

## What is Water Conservation?



**Preserving Every Drop** is the DuPage County Water Commission's Water Conservation and Protection Program. The purpose of the program is to provide all water users in DuPage County with a consistent message about water conservation and provide customers with the tools needed to be good stewards of our finite water supply. The program's overall goal is to achieve a 10% reduction in water use per person within 10 years.

For more information, visit [www.preservingeverydrop.org](http://www.preservingeverydrop.org).

Water conservation practices are not just for times of water shortage. Sound water use practices reduce the amount of stress that we place on our resources, both by limiting water withdrawals and by decreasing wastewater discharges. Conserving water reduces wear and tear on major infrastructure such as water and wastewater treatment plants and the distribution systems that deliver water to consumers, and can postpone or eliminate the need for making major investments in new infrastructure. Using less water helps us to become more flexible during times when there is a water shortage. Conserving water is simple and inexpensive!

Installing a rain barrel is an easy way to start conserving water now.

Yes,

# I WANT A RAIN BARREL!

Reservations will be accepted through April 30, 2010

Complete a reservation form on the Village website at [www.downers.us](http://www.downers.us) OR  
return this form to:

**Village Hall**  
**ATTN: Rain Barrel Program**  
**801 Burlington Ave.**  
**Downers Grove, IL 60515**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter quantities:

**Black** x \$70 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grey** x \$70 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Terra Cotta** x \$70 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Checks ONLY, made payable to:

***The Conservation Foundation*** will be accepted.

1. Enclose check with this form OR
2. Payment will be due the day of pick-up.



## VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

[www.downers.us](http://www.downers.us)

## DUPAGE WATER COMMISSION

Preserving Every Drop

[www.preservingeverydrop.org](http://www.preservingeverydrop.org)

## THE CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

<http://www.theconservationfoundation.org/>

## PIERCE DOWNER'S HERITAGE ALLIANCE

<http://www.pdha.org/>

## DOWNERS GROVE PARK DISTRICT

[www.dgparks.org](http://www.dgparks.org)

## DOWNERS GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY

[www.downersgrovelibrary.org](http://www.downersgrovelibrary.org)

