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City Hosts Rain Barrel Workshops

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg will host two Rain Barrel Workshops at the end of May.

Residents are invited to attend a workshop on Tuesday, May 27 or Thursday, May 29, which begins at 6:30 p.m. and is held at the Community Activities Center, 305 South Dogwood Drive.

Why a rain barrel?

In this workshop, participants will build their own rain barrel to take home. These rain barrels are made by converting a recycled pickle barrel into a functional rain barrel.

Rain barrels can be attached to downspouts to capture stormwater runoff from the rooftops. Captured water can be used to water gardens and lawns. By collecting runoff in rain barrels this also aids in stormwater management by reducing erosion and pollutants in our local waterways. The process saves money and helps conserve water that would have otherwise been lost to runoff.

Save money, conserve water, and help improve your local waterways!

The cost to participate in this class is \$40 per barrel with a maximum of two barrels per person.

To register, simply go to www.CleanStream.org. Money must be turned in to the Public Works Department by Tuesday, May 20.

Questions? Contact Chris Mueller, Public Works, at 540-434-5928 or by email at Chris.Mueller@HarrisonburgVA.gov.

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