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## City Hosts Rain Barrel Workshop

Harrisonburg, Va. – Harrisonburg invites members of the community to a “make and take” rain barrel workshop.

**On Wednesday, May 20 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.** the city will partner with Friends of the North Fork of the Shenandoah River to host a workshop so homeowners and businesses can assemble their own rain barrels to capture water from roof downspouts to reuse on lawns and gardens. This workshop will be held at the Cecil F. Gilkerson Community Activities Center, 305 S. Dogwood Drive.

In this workshop, participants will receive a recycled plastic barrel and a rain barrel kit that will be used to build a functioning rain barrel. During the workshop, participants will drill holes, install the faucet and complete other tasks to allow the barrel to catch rainwater for reuse.

Efforts such as this will help the city meet local and regional pollution reduction goals in Blacks Run and the Chesapeake Bay. Installing a rain barrel on city property, would be accepted toward a credit on the new Stormwater Utility Fee Credit Program. More information is available at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/stormwater-utility](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/stormwater-utility).

**Registration is required and the deadline to register for the workshop is Monday, May 18.** The cost to participate in the workshop is \$45 and registration is available by visiting Friends of the North Fork of the Shenandoah River [www.fnfsr.org](http://www.fnfsr.org) or by calling 540-459-8550.

Those ages six and older are invited to attend. Anyone under the age of 18 should have a parent or guardian present.

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