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## City Co-Sponsors Rain Barrel Workshop

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg, along with the Shenandoah Valley Soil and Water Conservation District, will host a rain barrel workshop later this month.

Those interested are invited to sign up today to attend the March 22 workshop to make a rain barrel.

The workshop will be held from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Community Activities Center, 305 S. Dogwood Drive.

During this workshop, participants will:

- Convert a heavy plastic pickle barrel into a functional rain barrel.
- Learn how to install and maintain a rain barrel.
- Learn how they impact their local waterways.
- Learn their role in water conservation and water quality protection.

Rain barrels can be attached to downspouts to capture roof runoff. Water stored in a rain barrel can be used to water gardens or lawns. Rain barrels can also help control stormwater runoff, which can cause erosion. City residents can receive a 20% credit on their stormwater utility fee for a properly installed rain barrel as part of the stormwater utility fee credit program.

More than 63 property owners have received credit for properly installing and maintain a rain barrel. The stormwater program coordinator will also be in attendance at the workshop to assist those interested in filling out a residential credit application.

Space is limited so those interested are encouraged to sign up today by visiting <http://svswcd.org/product-category/rain-barrel-harrisonburg>.

*Did you know...the **Public Works Department** collects rain water harvested from their equipment storage building and utilizes the water for street sweeping and storm drain flushing? Let's all be good stewards in our City!*



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