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!