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Residents invited to learn about rain barrel process

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The City of Harrisonburg, along with the Shenandoah Valley Soil and Water Conservation District, will host a rain barrel workshop later in May.

The workshop will be held on May 23 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Lucy Simms Auditorium, 620 Simms Ave.

During the workshop, participants will:

- Convert a heavy plastic pickle barrel into a functional rain barrel.
- Learn how to install and maintain a rain barrel
- Learn the importance of their role in water conservation and water quality protection

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



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

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to almost 55,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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