

RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP



QUICK FACT

Did you know that the average roof collects 600 gallons of rain water for every inch of rain?

Think how nice it would be to save that water for landscape, gardening, and more!

SATURDAY • APRIL 26, 2025

9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Waldorf Senior & Recreation Center
90 Post Office Road (Waldorf, MD)

FREE + COST OF RAIN BARREL

Limit: 2 barrels per Charles County household, per workshop • Available while supplies last

As part of this ongoing workshop program, Charles County Environmental Resources Division provides a \$50 discount off the cost of each rain barrel.

Register online:

www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/Outreach

Event held rain or shine

Pre-registration required by April 12.

This ensures timely delivery of supplies for workshop registrants.
Supplies provided in partnership with Great American Rain Barrel Co.

SUPER Discount

RECEIVE \$50 OFF WHEN
YOU REGISTER FOR THE
RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

\$45 unpainted
(normally \$95 ea.)

\$49 painted
(normally \$99 ea.)



WHAT IS A RAIN BARREL?

A rain barrel is a rainwater collection system. Water is diverted into the barrel through a connection in the downspout. The rain collected can be used to water plants, wash cars, and more. This water often contains trace minerals which are highly beneficial to plants. Collecting rainwater also helps reduce stormwater runoff into streams via storm drains.

BENEFITS — When installed and maintained properly, a rain barrel can be very beneficial.

- Creates a private water source
- Collected rainwater is preferred by plants
- Reduces stormwater runoff pollution
- Contributes to erosion prevention efforts
- Controls moisture levels around your home's foundation
- Reduces your water and sewer bills
- Be an environmental steward in your community
- Controlled releases can recharge groundwater storage and maintain fresh water in your barrel



COMPOSTING WORKSHOP



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Compost improves soil health and water retention. It provides needed nutrients for plants. Backyard composting is beneficial because it reduces the amount of materials that are put in landfills.

BACKYARD COMPOSTING

Establishing a composting system at your house is a practical and economical way to handle your yard waste and many kitchen scraps. In Charles County, 20 percent of household waste is organic, compostable material that can be kept from the landfill.

Compost improves the quality of soil in your planter boxes, garden, around trees, and your lawn — if you have these... you have a use for compost.

Examples of compostable items include:

- Grass clippings, dead weeds, and leaves
- Saw dust, wood chips, and straw
- Fruits, vegetables, and plants
- Coffee grounds
- Non-glossy paper, napkins, and paper towels

BENEFITS — Compost improves soil health and water retention, as well as provides nutrients for plants when added to your landscape.



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This hands-on workshop is provided by the Charles County Environmental Resources Division and Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Education Center. Learn about proper materials and techniques needed to create quality compost for your garden and landscape.



Charles County residents can receive one free plastic GEOBIN per household (while supplies last).



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