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Wrapped Rain Barrel Program

The Wrapped Rain Barrel Program provides free rain barrels decorated with student artwork to qualifying businesses and organizations. These limited edition barrels can help reduce pollution in our creeks and rivers. If your organization meets the criteria below, you may receive one of these designer barrels for free!

Step 1 - Meet the Criteria:

- The rain barrel must be installed where it is visible to people passing by.
- Your downspout must not be made of material that is difficult to drill, such as cast iron.
- You agree to maintain the rain barrel.
- You agree to drain or use the water from the rain barrel after every rain event. Use it to water your plants, lawn, etc.
- If the rain barrel will sit on soft grass or soil, you must be willing to make or purchase a base for the barrel prior to installation. See reverse for more information.
- You understand that the water from this barrel is not suitable for human or animal consumption.

Step 2 - Pick a Design!

If you meet the criteria, choose one of the three designs shown above and on the back.

Step 3 - Contact Us

Please contact us so we can approve your site and schedule the installation: Jeanne Waldowski, Community Initiatives Coordinator jeanne.waldowski@phila.gov or 215-685-4945

*PWD has a limited number of wrapped rain barrels and can only provide one wrapped barrel per property. PWD reserves the right to make the final decision on whether you recieve a rain barrel.



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Rain Barrel Bases

When rain barrels are full they can be very heavy (over 500lbs!), so a base is required to keep it from sinking into soft surfaces like dirt or grass. Bases for rain barrels can be made from a variety of materials. We suggest using masonry products like cinder blocks, bricks or pavers. We recommend a base that is around 2 feet wide x 2 feet long with a height that does not exceed 18 inches.



Residential Rain Barrel Program

If you're interested in obtaining a rain barrel for your home, Check out the PWD RainCheck Program. Free rain barrels are professionally installed by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society for any resident who attends a rain barrel workshop. Sign up at: www.phillywatersheds.org/rainbarrel

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About the Artists

Students between the ages of 11 and 21 from Laura W. Waring School and YESPhilly participated in a design workshop with artists from the Mural Arts Program and educators from Fairmount Water Works and the Philadelphia Water Department to create the artwork wrapped around a limited number of rain barrels. We hope this artwork will help bring attention to small actions in stormwater management (like installing a rain barrel) which can make a big difference.

