



Greenbelt Percussion & Preservation Society

invites you to consider rain barrels
and rain gardens for your home!

Installing a rain barrel or rain garden at your home lets you

- **Protect our rivers and streams!** Water stored in your rain barrel is water that won't run off into our streams. Instead, as you use the stored rainwater around the home and garden, it will absorb slowly into the ground replenishing groundwater supplies. By decreasing the storm runoff, rain barrels help moderate erosion and reduce pollution in our lakes, rivers, and the Chesapeake Bay.
- **Reduce flooding in your yard or basement!** By collecting the water and using it for watering plants or slowly releasing it and allowing it to sink into the ground.
- **Provide your plants with nourishing water!** Unlike treated water, which contains chlorine and is "softened" with dissolved minerals, rain water is naturally soft and has no chlorine. The water stored in your rain barrel is better than municipal water for watering indoor or outdoor plants.
- **Save money and water!** Instead of water from the faucet, you can use water you've saved to keep your home landscape happy and growing. You'll reduce your water bill! And when there's a drought water restriction, use your own supply from your rain barrel.

Rain Barrel Programs

- **Prince George's County** provides \$50-\$100 rebate for rain barrels, and \$1,200 to \$2,500 for rain gardens. Visit <http://spril.com/rain> for the crazy long link.
- **Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI)** has a Rain Barrel Purchase Program that buys in bulk for lower prices. Visit <http://ghi.coop/content/rain-barrels> or call 301-474-4161 x143 for more information about getting a barrel.

More Information

- **The Environmental Protection Agency** has detailed information about rain barrels at <http://www.epa.gov/reg3esd1/garden/rainbarrel.html>

Links to all these websites
and parade performances since 2008 are at
spril.com/rain

