



FREE Landscaping 101 and Rainwater Harvesting Workshop



Rain Barrels for ONLY \$30 After Rebate!

The Metropolitan Water District gives a \$35 rebate for up to 2 Rain Barrels per household, with one submission allowed

Date: Saturday, March 25, 2017

Time: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Place: Liberty Utilities

9750 Washburn Road, Downey, CA 90241

Topics of Discussion

- Preparing your landscaping for Spring
- Drought Tolerant Plants for Southern California gardens
- Rainwater Harvesting
- Rain Barrels and proper installation guidelines
- Current landscaping rebates

First 30 attendees receive a complimentary gardening kit!



Rain Barrels available for purchase **\$65.00 + tax**

Purchases should be made **IN ADVANCE** at:

RainBarrelsIntl.com under the **EVENTS** tab

Liberty Utilities

Rain Barrels will be available at the event on a first come, first serve basis

Rain Barrel Specifications:

Recycled plastic "food grade" barrels, Dimensions: 39" tall, 23" diameter, 55+ gallons, Brass 3/4" spigot for garden hose attachment, Side brass overflow with cap, 4" tight screen to prevent bug access, Colors: Black or Terra Cotta

FOR REBATE INFORMATION:

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Rainwater Harvesting What's the catch?

“Raindrops keep falling on my head,” is the opening line of a popular song by Burt Bacharach. We bet you would be more annoyed if you were singing a different tune of those raindrops were falling **INSIDE** your home. If left unchecked, water will pour down from the ceiling and make a terrible mess. So, like most people if you saw water dripping down you would probably grab a pot and place it beneath the leak to capture some of that water.

When rainwater falls on your roof, it is just like that leak. If you do nothing to stop or capture the water it just gushes out and spills on the property, polluting our ocean becoming wasted runoff!

Water conservation should be on everybody's mind, because there is more to it than just the drought. We have been fortunate this year to have had a good amount of rainfall. But we know there are limited water sources available and no new sources have been discovered. As our population grows more people are tapping the same sources.

The goal of Liberty Utilities hosting this workshop is to assist their customers in a straightforward simplistic way to prepare their landscaping for springtime, discuss plants for a potential drought tolerant conditions and set up and capture water in a rainstorm. They will be discussing water saving tips on ways residents can collect water around their property. For example, you can put a bucket in your shower in the morning and while the water is heating up you can collect it and pour it into your rain barrel. That is water that you have paid for and is just money going down your drain. After a week of collecting your shower or bathtub water your 58-gallon capacity rain barrel will be full...and it didn't even rain. Residents do not have to have rain gutters on their home and can simply attach a 4-foot stainless steel chain where the roof angle comes together and the water runs off the rooftop draining into your rain barrel.

Many municipalities and water companies are adopting rainwater catchment as a legitimate option for water storage and management by turning it from a liability into an asset. Adjusting in hard times, especially during a drought, might present a challenge, but those who adapt are often the same ones who flourish. Perhaps Wallace Stevens said it best, “Human nature is like water. It takes the shape of its container”. We ask every resident to tell your family, neighbors and friends and help do our part and participate in Saving Our Environment...One Drop at a Time. Water Conservation. It's for Life!