

News Release

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Reserve your rain barrel: http://www.rainbarrelprogram.org/ashleycooper

The Annual Rain Barrel Sale is Underway!

The deadline to order is May 29 at 11:00 p.m. and pick-up at three locations

<u>Charleston County Government</u> and the <u>Ashley Cooper Stormwater Education Consortium</u> are offering 100% recycled rain barrels to residents at a discounted price this month. The normal retail price is \$149, but through the special partnership, they are on sale for only \$68, in an effort to encourage residents to conserve water resources and protect water quality. Water collected by the rain barrels can be used for gardens/lawns and to wash cars.

Pick-up locations:

- **Thursday June 2, Gahagan Park**, 515 W. Boundary Street, Summerville, SC 29485 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 3, City of Goose Creek DPW, 200 Button Hall Avenue, Goose Creek, SC 29445 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, June 4, Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services Building, 4045 Bridge View Dr. N. Charleston, SC, 29405 from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

The rain barrels can be purchased through the program's website, <u>http://www.rainbarrelprogram.org/ashleycooper</u>, using a credit card. At the Charleston County pickup location, there will also be a limited number of rain barrels on the day of the sale through a first-come, first-serve basis.

Rain barrels capture rainwater from rooftops by connecting to the home's downspout. This water would typically be sent down the storm drain carrying potential contaminants and contributing to flash flooding.

Watch this how to install video.

Features of the lvy rain barrel:

- Made in the U.S.A.
- 100% recycled plastic
- Dimensions 42.5" H x 22" W x 18" L
- Child proof, bug proof lid
- Best-in-class overflow set up

- 3/4" ball valve easily connects to garden hose
- Three rain barrels easily fit in a midsized sedan
- All parts included and ready to set up
- Gravity fed. No pumps required
- Easy to link two or more Ivy barrels together

Ashley Cooper Stormwater Education Consortium:

- The Ashley Cooper Stormwater Education Consortium is a partnership between communities (MS4s), universities, agencies and non-profits working together to implement a regional, watershed-scale stormwater runoff education strategy in the Charleston urbanized area.
- The effort was spearheaded in the Charleston region by Clemson University's Carolina Clear Program.
- Participating communities include the counties of Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester and the municipalities of Charleston, Folly Beach, James Island, Goose Creek, Isle of Palms, Lincolnville, Mount Pleasant, North Charleston, Sullivan's Island and Summerville.

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- "Like" Ashley Cooper Stormwater Education Consortium on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/ashleycooperstormwater

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