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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 24 at 11:00 p.m. and pick-up at three locations

[Charleston County Government](#) and the [Ashley Cooper Stormwater Education Consortium](#) 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 and pets.



Pick-up locations:

- **Thursday May 28, Gahagan Park**, 515 W. Boundary Street, Summerville, SC 29485 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 pm
- **Friday, May 29, City of Goose Creek DPW**, 200 Button Hall Avenue, Goose Creek, SC 29445 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 pm
- **Saturday, May 30, Lonnie Hamilton Public Services Building**, 4045 Bridge View Dr. N. Charleston, SC, 29405 from 9 a.m. until 11:30 am

The rain barrels can be purchased through the program's website, <http://www.rainbarrelprogram.org/ashleycooper>, 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.

"Harvesting rainwater is good stewardship practice for conserving and protecting clean water in our community," said Kim Counts Morganello, Co-coordinator of the Ashley Cooper Stormwater Education Consortium. "Rain barrels offer a practical, cost-efficient way to gather and store rainwater at your home for outdoor, non-potable use. Other reasons to collect rainwater include the potential to save money on utility bills over the long term, the ability to control moisture levels around the foundation of your home, to water your garden and to prevent stormwater pollution."

Features of the Ivy 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 mid-sized 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 (MSAs), 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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