



WVDEP Rain Barrels for Schools Program



The Department of Environmental Protection's Project WET and Watershed Improvement Branch are offering rain barrel installation at select schools in West Virginia.

What is a Rain Barrel? A rain barrel is a rainwater collection system. Water is diverted into the barrel through a connection in the downspout. The rain collected can be used to water plants, wash cars, and more. This water often contains trace minerals which are highly beneficial to plants and come at a zero cost to consumers. Collecting rainwater can also help reduce stormwater runoff into streams. Stormwater can carry pollution like pesticides, litter, bacteria, and fertilizers—reducing the amount that flows into local waterways can improve the health of those creeks, streams, and rivers.

Program Details: WVDEP has a limited number of barrels available. Schools with a current or planned flower and/or vegetable garden will be given priority. Each school that is selected will receive a rain barrel and parts kit, hands on installation with student participation, and a 1+ hour water education session utilizing Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) activities.

Application: Interested schools should complete the attached application and submit it by mail or email to Ms. Klancey Burford by November 1st, 2019. Installation of the rain barrels will take place early in the spring of 2020.

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY
FRIDAY, November 1, 2019**

Please send completed applications to:

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OR

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Interested in learning more about rain barrels? Check out the WV Dept. of Environmental Protection's website for more information!



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