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EMMITSBURG GRANT

In August 2019, the Town of Emmitsburg was awarded a \$5,000.00 grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust. The grant funding will be used to start a rain barrel program in order to teach the community about storm water runoff's direct connection to the health of local streams, ponds, lakes, and the Chesapeake Bay. The partnership formed by the Town and Chesapeake Bay Trust will allow us to subsidize 50 percent of the cost of rain barrels and also hold two educational workshops.

A complete rain barrel system is only **\$40.00!** This system includes a premade terra cotta colored 55/60-gallon barrel, overflow hose, and spigot. Only one rain barrel per household until March 1, 2020.

Hurry and order your barrel before grant funds run out!

Please contact Zach Gulden, Town Planner, at 301-600-6309 or by email zgulden@emmitsburgmd.gov if you would like to attend a workshop and/or purchase a rain barrel.

THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a nonprofit grant-making organization dedicated to improving the watersheds of the Chesapeake Bay. Created in 1985 by the Maryland General Assembly, their goal is to increase stewardship through grant programs, special initiatives, and partnerships that support K-12 environmental education, on-the-ground watershed restoration, community engagement, and the underlying science of these three realms. Through their grants, the Trust engages hundreds of thousands of students and volunteers in projects that have a measurable impact on the natural resources of our region. Their goal is simple: they believe that getting residents involved is key to restoring the Chesapeake Bay. To learn how you can take action, visit www.cbtrust.org.



Town of Emmitsburg Rain Barrel Program



WHY IS STORM WATER RUNOFF A PROBLEM?

Impervious surfaces like roofs, parking lots, and roadways act as funnels, turning life-giving rain into damaging storm water runoff. As it flows, storm water picks up pollutants, including fertilizer, chemicals, gasoline, and silt, and dumps them into streams, rivers, and the Chesapeake Bay. Storm water is also responsible for erosion and the resulting loss of habitat for plants, aquatic life, and animals.



BENEFITS OF RAIN BARRELS

- Using a rain barrel can **save you money!** They are a cost-effective alternative to using tap water for watering yards and gardens.
- Treated water that flows from your hose can have salts and chemicals that are tough on plants. Rainwater has nutrients and minerals that your garden will love.
- Reduces peak volume and velocity of storm water runoff to streams and storm sewer systems.
- Helps reduce peak water demand during summer months.
- Inexpensive to install and maintain.
- Improve erosion in your yard.
- Water collected by the barrel may be used during droughts or water restrictions.
- Since the barrels are purchased from the Scott Key Center in Frederick County, the rain barrel program benefits adults with developmental disabilities.

Fun Fact

One inch of rain falling on 1,000 square feet yields approximately **623 gallons of water!**

RAIN BARREL ORDER / WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please circle: I would / would not like to be notified of the next rain barrel workshop.

If attending a workshop, # of attendees: _____

Please note: Cost: \$40.00 per barrel. Cash or check only. Checks can be made out to the Town of Emmitsburg and mailed to Town of Emmitsburg, ATTN: Zach Gulden, 300A S Seton Ave, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Only 1 barrel per household until March 1, 2020. Only Emmitsburg residents and property owners are eligible for reduced rate barrels.