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Popular Rain Barrel Program Returns to Utah Discounted Rain Barrels Available to Millcreek, Murray & Salt Lake County Residents

\$50 Rain Barrels Save Water & Money & Improve Water Quality

The Utah Rivers Council is proud to announce the highly anticipated return of our popular [RainHarvest](#) program with Millcreek, Murray and the Salt Lake County Watershed Program. Millcreek, Murray and Salt Lake County residents can purchase rain barrels for a greatly subsidized price of just \$50, while supplies last.

Rain barrels are also available for just \$75 for residents outside Millcreek, Murray and Salt Lake County boundaries. Both prices are a significant discount from the barrel's \$129 retail price. Residents can order discounted rain barrels now at www.utahrivers.org/rainharvest.

“This program is an important step toward conserving and protecting clean water in our community because it offers an inexpensive and proven option to help people make a difference in their own backyards.” said Millcreek Mayor Jeff Silvestrini.

Urban Utah residents have some of the highest water use (per-person) in the U.S. and rain barrels are one of many tools Utahns can use to reduce our high water use. Some 4,500 barrels have been purchased through the Utah Rivers Council's RainHarvest program, meaning that 225,000 gallons of water are saved every time it rains enough to fill a 50 gallon barrel. Capturing rainwater improves water quality by reducing urban runoff from streets and gutters into streams and lakes. Rainwater harvesting is legal in Utah.

“Installing rain barrels on downspouts that are draining to driveways, alleys, and other areas which flow into storm drains, can greatly reduce the amount of runoff entering local streams,” said Bob Thompson, Salt Lake County Watershed Section Manager. **“Storm drains flow directly into our streams and rivers. No filters. No treatment, so reducing runoff improves water quality.”**

“Collecting rainwater is a great way to reduce your water footprint and keep clean water in our streams and rivers,” said Zachary Frankel, Executive Director for Utah Rivers Council.

After the barrels are purchased online, people can pick them up at a designated location in July. Social distancing will be observed during the distribution event and participants will have rainbarrels loaded into their cars without having to roll down their windows or open their car doors.

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