

RAIN BARREL PROGRAM CONSENT FORM

Introduction

Thank you for participating in the Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection (OCDWEP) rain barrel pilot program. The rain barrel program is part of an overall program to evaluate various stormwater best management practices (BMPs) and specifically the effectiveness and utility of rain barrels. The pilot program will include optional training for rain barrel installation, irrigation use, and disconnection. OCDWEP will survey participants in the fall. The pilot program will begin in 2010 and last for approximately two years requiring rain barrels to be connected again in spring 2011 with a survey and disconnection the following fall. After that time, participants can and are encouraged to continue to use the rain barrel. If the participant elects not to use the rain barrel the participant must make arrangements with the Department for proper disconnection and return of the rain barrel to the Department.

You must sign this consent form prior to receipt of the rain barrel kit and instructions from OCDWEP. If you receive this form at an OCDWEP-led rain barrel outreach event or training workshop, you may hand the signed form directly to an OCDWEP staff person or representative prior to receiving the rain barrel kit. Signed forms may also be mailed or FAXed prior to receipt of the rain barrel.

Consent Form

I, (*name*) _____, hold legal title to the single family or attached two-family property located at (*address*) _____. My property has the ability to site the rain barrel and to use the stored water for irrigation purposes.

I understand that this is a volunteer program and that I will not be provided with financial compensation for my participation in the program.

I have read and I understand the installation, operation, maintenance and disconnection instructions (“Instructions”) provided with this Consent Form. I further understand that by signing this Consent Form I am obligating myself to install, operate, maintain and disconnect the rain barrel and downspout attachments at my own expense in accordance with the Instructions.

I further understand that OCDWEP will provide training in my community for this program, and it is in my best interest to attend the training prior to installation. However, if I am unable to attend the training, I will install, operate, maintain and disconnect the rain barrel according to the Instructions.

After signing this form I will receive a rain barrel kit. I accept the transfer of and responsibility for the care and maintenance of the rain barrel. If I decide not to participate in the full duration of this program for any reason, I agree to contact OCDWEP, and a representative will collect the rain barrel. I further understand that the rain barrel is owned by the Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection and that I may not sell, give away, lease or otherwise transfer or dispose of the rain barrel.

I will use my best efforts to ensure that the rain barrel is correctly installed so that any overflow is directed back to the downspout when full and does not spill out of the rain barrel or diverter attachment.

I will monitor the rain barrel to ensure that no malfunctions, leaks or flooding occur as a result of the rain barrel installation and operation.

The size and shape of the downspout to which I will attach the rain barrel is either 2x3” or 3x4” rectangular or 3” round.

To the best of my knowledge, the roof of my property has been replaced within the last 25 years, or is not

composed of asbestos containing materials, and does not contain herbicides, pesticides or chemical moss killers.

I will use water stored in the rain barrel for irrigation purposes only and will attach only a regular hose without spray/mist nozzle or a drip irrigation hose, or use a watering can or bucket under the spigot for water use.

I will participate in up to two surveys or evaluations, as requested by OCDWEP, during this pilot program.

I will contact OCDWEP by either telephone, facsimile or email, as set forth below, as soon as possible if any problems are observed with the rain barrel and/or downspout attachment.

Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection
650 Hiawatha Boulevard West, Syracuse New York 13204
Phone (315) 435-2260 FAX (315) 435-5023

I will disconnect the rain barrel no later than October 15th of each year in accordance with the Instructions, in order to prevent freezing.

I will restore the roof leader or downspout to its original construction in the event that the rain barrel is permanently disconnected for any reason during and after the program.

I understand I am expected to participate in the full length of the study, which is expected to last up to two years.

I understand that if I do not comply with any of the terms or conditions of the Instructions or this Consent, OCDWEP may terminate my participation in this program immediately; however, I will remain responsible for disconnecting the rain barrel according to the Instructions.

I agree to comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local rules and procedures in carrying out my obligations under the rain barrel program and any conditions imposed by the County of Onondaga or OCDWEP.

I consent to granting access to my property, to duly credentialed representatives of OCDWEP, for the purpose of inspecting the rain barrel and collecting performance data. OCDWEP will strive to provide notification prior to inspecting the rain barrels.

Liability Release

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby release the County of Onondaga, OCDWEP, and their respective officers, agents, representatives, and employees from all liability or any damages that I or my property may suffer as a result of the rain barrel program.

OWNER: _____
Name (Please Print)

Telephone E-mail Date