

Rain Barrel Rebate Program

Receive up to a \$100 rebate on the purchase and/or installation of a 45+ gallon rain barrel

Together with the Sustainability Committee of the Mount Vernon City Council and SERI (Sustainable Environmental Resource Initiative), the City of Mount Vernon is promoting the use of rain barrels by residents in order to reduce stormwater runoff and promote water conservation.

Stormwater Basics

Stormwater runoff is generated from rain and snow melt. It does not percolate directly into the ground when it flows from roof tops, land, parking lots, streets, sidewalks and driveways. Runoff picks up sediment, contaminants, litter, nutrients, and pollutants and ends up in our waterways. Unmanaged stormwater can cause water pollution, stream bank erosion, and flooding.

Rain Barrels

One way of reducing the amount of stormwater during each rain event is with rain barrels. Rain barrels collect and store rainwater from rooftops by capturing water from a downspout. The collected water may then be used, at a later time, for watering plants, lawns and gardens. *With a rain barrel, you have the ability to reduce polluted stormwater runoff, conserve water in the dry season and lower your water bill.*

The Rain Barrel Rebate Program

This is a cost share program. Using \$5000 from an outside source (of which First Presbyterian Church is custodian) the program will reimburse the cost of purchasing and/or installing residential 45+ gallon rain barrels, up to \$100 per household.

How Does It Work?

Purchase a 45+ gallon rain barrel and install it on your property.

Complete the application (available here [weblink], at Mount Vernon City Hall, Ace Hardware [?] and First Presbyterian Church] and submit with required documentation (receipts and photo) by August 31, 2016 to

First Presbyterian Church
Attn: Rain Barrel
309 First Street West
Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314

(May also drop off at the church office or in church mailbox slot.)

Requirements:

1. Reimbursement is limited one per household; Mount Vernon residents only; first-come first-served (no reimbursements available beyond \$5000 total).

2. Reimbursement will take place after project costs are incurred.
3. SERI (via First Presbyterian Church) will reimburse the applicant within approximately 30 days.
4. The project must be completed and receipts and application submitted by August 31, 2016.
5. For reimbursement, *a 45 gallon+ rain barrel must be installed*. A copy of your receipt and proof of installation (i.e. photo) must also be submitted with application.
6. The property owner is solely responsible for the implementation and maintenance of the rain barrel. The City of Mount Vernon, First Presbyterian Church, and SERI are not liable for personal injury or property damage resulting from said work.
7. Underground utilities should be located by property owner before any digging (Iowa 811)

Suggested Sources:

Mount Vernon Ace Hardware has a variety of rain barrel sizes available for purchase and order.

Andy Pasker (Handy Andy) is willing to coordinate rain barrel installation by himself, Sarah Fried and Becky Hess. Cost is approx \$50 (one hour of labor). Call Andy at 319-360-8002.

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APPLICATION

Applicant Contact Information

Property Owner:

Phone:

Email:

Project Address:

Project Information

Cost of Project:

Rebate Amount Requested (up to \$100):

Include the following documentation:

- Itemized and dated receipts for any costs to be reimbursed
- Photo of the completed project or other proof of installation

Signature:

Date:

By signing this application, I agree to the conditions of this program and have provided the documents needed for reimbursement.

Submit completed form by **August 31, 2016** to:

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** For Official Use Only **

All documents included? Yes No

Approved by:

Date:

Check #:

Date Sent: