



Great Swamp Watershed Association

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**New Date Announced for July Rain Barrel Workshop**

*Great Swamp Watershed Association changes date of upcoming rain barrel workshop to July 15.*

**Morristown, NJ**—The Great Swamp Watershed Association's (GSWA) rain barrel workshop originally scheduled for Wednesday, July 23, has been rescheduled for **Tuesday, July 15**.

This workshop, which will provide step-by-step instructions for constructing a household rain barrel, will take place **between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.** at GSWA's headquarters located at 568 Tempe Wick Road in Morristown, NJ.

Properly attached to a home's gutter downspout, a rain barrel can capture and store as much as 55 gallons of the water falling onto a roof during each rain storm. Homeowners can use all the free water they harvest for any number of outdoor tasks, including lawn watering, ornamental gardening, and landscape maintenance—even during droughts when use of the conventional water supply is restricted by law. Beyond the immediate financial benefits, household rain barrels also work to ease local problems with flooding and water pollution—two environmental issues of great concern to many residents of New Jersey.

Under the guidance of a professional, everyone participating in the workshop will build their own ready-to-install, 55-gallon rain barrel from a kit provided by Paterson-based Green Mojo Eco Consulting. New owners will also be taught how to install and maintain their rain barrels at home.

The cost for participation is \$75 per rain barrel kit. Individuals may work together to build a single barrel, if desired. Barrels must be transported home at the end of the event. No delivery service is available.

Kit quantities are limited, so advanced registration and payment is required. To register, please visit GSWA online at [GreatSwamp.org](http://GreatSwamp.org) or call (973) 538-3500 x22.

For those who do not wish to build their own, fully constructed rain barrels are available for purchase at a cost of \$100/barrel. Completed barrels will be delivered to GSWA's headquarter and must be picked up by the purchaser. No delivery service is available. Call for details.

Support for this GSWA rain barrel workshop has been generously provided by RBC Wealth Management, Parsippany Complex.

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*About the Great Swamp Watershed Association.* Founded in 1981, the Great Swamp Watershed Association (GSWA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the water and land of New Jersey's 36,000-acre Great Swamp Watershed region. GSWA works with stakeholders in Morris County and Somerset County municipalities to maintain the health and beauty of open spaces; to educate the public about regional environmental issues; and to monitor and safeguard the five headwater streams—Loantaka Brook, Great Brook, Primrose Brook, Black Brook, and the Upper Passaic—that feed the Great Swamp and the Passaic River.