



**Department of Public Works
BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

HOWARD COUNTY RAIN BARREL PLEDGE

In exchange for a rain barrel provided to me at no charge by Howard County's Department of Public Works, I promise to:

1. Read the information packet and follow the directions provided with my rain barrel.
2. Maintain and properly site the rain barrel on my property in Howard County and research any community HOA covenants or rules concerning the use and placement of rain barrels.
3. Hold Howard County and its employees or contractors harmless from any and all costs, expenses, or damages that may be incurred as a result of the use and maintenance of the rain barrel.

Residential irrigation can account for up to 40% of residential water consumption. Rain barrels hold rain water that can be used for watering plants during a drought or for any other activity that utilizes non-potable water. Using a rain barrel can reduce demand on the residential water supply, improve water quality, and save money on your water bill.

I, the undersigned, certify that I have read and fully understand the above conditions for acceptance of a free rain barrel, am a Howard County resident, and have not received a free County issued/approved rain barrel in the past. I also understand that if I fail to comply with the above, I am obligated to return the rain barrel. If the rain barrel develops a leak or I am no longer interested in keeping the rain barrel, I will return it to the Howard County landfill for recycling.

Signature

Date

Resident's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Please tell us where you heard about this free rain barrel offer: _____