

RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION FOUNDATION NEWS RELEASE

CITY RAIN BARREL SALES IN MANOTICK, SMITHS FALLS AND WESTPORT

March 11, 2013 — Always wanted a rain barrel and never got around to getting one? You're in luck...the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation is joining forces with community charities and local neighbours to bring you a timely, convenient and inexpensive chance to finally get your own rain barrel wherever you live in the Rideau Valley.

We have a truckloads of rain barrels for sale in Manotick, Smiths Falls and Westport and orders are now being taken at the websites listed below.

Here's the schedule:

- Manotick, Saturday April 20, 9 am to 1 pm in cooperation with the Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind; to order your Manotick barrel please go to <http://rainbarrel.ca/guidedogs/>
- Smiths Falls, Saturday, May 11 from 10 am to 2 pm in cooperation with the Sensational Town of Smiths Falls; to order your Smiths Falls barrel please go to <http://rainbarrel.ca/smithsfallsconservation>
- Westport, Saturday June 15 from 10 am to 2 pm in cooperation with the Westport In Bloom Committee; to order your Westport barrel please go to <http://rainbarrel.ca/westportinbloom>

Each barrel comes fully equipped with a leaf and mosquito filter, an overflow adaptor (permitting multiple barrels to be connected in series), 1.2 metres of overflow hose and spigot that attaches directly to a garden hose.

The price is \$55 per barrel all inclusive. Additional overflow hose can also be purchased if required (see website for details).

No household limits and no residency requirements are imposed ... it's an ideal time to order one for home but perhaps more importantly, one for the cottage too.

Rain barrels effectively and safely reduce the amount of water running directly into your local watercourse or lake (or your storm sewer in the city); they encourage infiltration of precipitation on your property; and they provide a ready, inexpensive source of excellent water for the garden all summer long!

To take advantage of these special prices and service, you must ORDER YOUR BARRELS IN ADVANCE ONLINE for pickup in Manotick, Smiths Falls or Westport. Exact pickup locations are on the website and will be announced again well before the pickup day. Simply present your receipt and take your barrel home. The barrels generally fit in the back seats of cars but will not fit in most trunks.

Many thanks in advance for supporting Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind, the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation, the Sensational Town of Smiths Falls, the Westport In Bloom Committee and for conserving our precious water resources. Every new rain barrel in the valley increases our resilience to climate change and is another small stitch in the environmental protection fabric of the watershed.

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