

### **FBCMUD 146 PARTNERING WITH RAIN WATER SOLUTIONS, NORTH FORT BEND WATER AUTHORITY AND MASUEN CONSULTING ON RESIDENT RAIN BARREL SALE**

April 7, 2017 - Fort Bend Municipal Utility District No. 146

Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 146 (FBCMUD 146), North Fort Bend Water Authority (NFBWA) and Masuen Consulting have partnered with Rain Water Solutions to provide residents with an opportunity to purchase rain barrels at a reduced price. The District and its program partners are offering this opportunity to residents in an effort to further promote water conservation initiatives within the District.

Rain barrels are a cost effective and easy way for homeowners to do their part to help conserve water. By harvesting rain water a homeowner can help:

-  Save money on their water bill by reducing the amount of water used for irrigation and watering.
  - According to the EPA, lawn and garden irrigation accounts for as much as 40% of residential water use during the summer months. Typically a half-inch of rain fills a 50 gal rain barrel.
  
-  Protect our rivers and streams from runoff pollution.
  - Rain barrels help reduce the flow of storm water runoff that picks up soil, fertilizer, oil, pesticides and other contaminants from hard surfaces and landscaping that then flows directly into area bayous, creeks, lakes and other nearby bodies of water.

The “Ivy” Rain Barrel is a 50 gallon barrel made of 100% recycled plastic and they are made in the USA. To view complete specifications, pictures of the barrels, and the installation video you may visit:

<https://www.rainwatersolutions.com/products/fortbendmud>

The online rain barrel sale began Thursday, April 13th and run through Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 11:00 pm CST. Residents may place their order for a rain barrel(s) online by visiting the link above. The cost per barrel from Rain Water Solutions is \$75 (barrels normally retailing for \$129). Barrels will be available for pick-up on Saturday, June 17, 2017 between 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Gallery Furniture parking lot; 7227 West Grand Parkway South, Richmond, TX 77407. Residents should bring their confirmation email to the pick-up event. Unfortunately, barrels



cannot be shipped; however barrels nest for easy storage and three (3) will easily fit in the back seat of a mid-size sedan. Volunteers will be on-site to assist residents with their barrel(s) pick-up.

**Long Meadow Farms HOA requires rain barrels to be located in the back yard, completely screened from view of neighbors and for residents who live on Oyster Creek and have wrought iron back fences, the barrels must also be screened from view of anyone utilizing the trail. Landscape screening is an acceptable method of screening a rain barrel.**

For additional questions or information you may contact a District representative by visiting the following link: <http://www.fbmud146.org/contact/>.