



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Preorders underway for annual rain barrel, compost bin sale

- Who:** The Water Quality Forum, Knox County, the City of Knoxville and the Town of Farragut
- What:** Rain barrel and compost bin sale
- When:** Preorder now through June 14
Pick up Saturday, June 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Where:** Walgreens
7523 Kingston Pike
At the corner of Morrell Rd and Kingston Pike

Background:

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (June 1, 2015) – Preorders are underway for the Water Quality Forum’s annual rain barrel and compost bin sale, which allows residents to purchase the environmentally-friendly devices at a discounted rate.

Residents can preorder online now through June 14 at www.RainBarrelProgram.org/Water-Quality-Forum, and pick up will take place on June 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Walgreens located at 7523 Kingston Pike. There will also be a limited number of extras available the day of the sale.

“This program is an important step in offering an inexpensive option to help our residents save money and understand the significance of water conservation,” said Amy Mann with the Water Quality Forum. “We are committed to protecting our water quality and managing the damaging effects of stormwater runoff. The use of compost bins and rain barrels will provide residents the tools they need to conserve soil and water resources at home.”

The rain barrels and compost bins offered through this program are made of 100 percent recycled plastic and manufactured in the United States. Rain barrels capture rainwater from roof tops by connecting to the gutter downspout. Water collected by the rain barrels can be used for gardens, lawns, and washing cars or pets.

Rain barrels capture water that would typically be sent down the storm drain carrying potential contaminants and contributing to flash flooding. The cumulative effect of rain barrels implemented throughout a municipality can have a significant impact on stormwater management and water conservation.

For more information visit www.rainbarrelprogram.org/Water-Quality-Forum or contact Amy Mann at 865-215-5283.

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