

# Swampscott 2024 Rain Barrel Program



## *Another Year of Record Flooding and Drought*

This past summer, many communities reported several inches of rain within just a few hours. On August 8, more than 6 inches of rain fell on parts of Massachusetts. Drivers were stranded in their cars. There were hundreds of no swimming days at our beaches this summer. Heavy rains sent bacteria-laden stormwater into the ocean. By October 2, there had been only 5 rain-free weekends since Memorial Day. Presently, climate crisis is here to stay.

## *Rain Barrels Can Be Part of the Solution*

- Rain water is an alternate source of water during droughts
- Decrease your water bill by up to 40%
- Rain water is a healthy, chlorine and chemical-free water source for plants and gardens
- Rain barrels help reduce pollution, erosion and improves local watershed health by collecting runoff rain from roofs and gutters
- Lower municipal water demands & save energy at treatment plants



## *About The Great American Rain Barrel*

- 100% re-purposed, food grade, UV protected and BPA free barrels. **Produced in Massachusetts.**
- Most durable rain barrels on the market: 3/16" wall thickness. Screen filtered to keep mosquitoes out.
- Will last for years when properly drained & stored for winter. Pay for themselves in one year.
- Several rain barrels can be linked together — easy 5-minute setup
- **Available Colors:** Forest Green, Earth Brown, and Nantucket Grey. Also available unpainted.

## *How to Purchase Your Rain Barrel*

Rain Barrels are available for purchase by residents at the discounted price of \$89.00.

**How to Order:** <https://www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com/community/>, Select Town and State

**Pickup:** Saturday, June 29th, 9:00m-12:00noon Swampscott DPW Yard 200 Paradise Rd., Swampscott

**Deadline:** June 16<sup>th</sup>, Midnight