

**CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY
MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4)
RAIN BARREL PURCHASE PROGRAM**

The City of Columbia City Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) will share one-time in the cost of purchasing a rain barrel. Only residents of Columbia City who pay a monthly stormwater fee are eligible to receive a **one-time** rebate of \$30.00 for purchasing and installing a rain barrel that meets the attached minimum requirements. Submit this claim form with proof of purchase and a release of liability form after the rain barrel is installed to apply for the one-time rebate.

RAIN BARREL PROGRAM REBATE CLAIM FORM

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Property Location: _____
(if different)

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I purchased and installed a rain barrel at the property listed above. I certify that:

- 1) I am the owner or contract purchaser of the property listed above;
- 2) I pay a City of Columbia City municipal utility stormwater fee;
- 3) I will allow a representative of the MS4 or Soil and Water Conservation District to inspect and photograph my rain barrel; and
- 4) I agree that photos of my rain barrel may be used for promotional purposes by the City of Columbia City MS4 Program.

Signature of applicant

Date



Brought to you by the City of Columbia City Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) and the Whitley County Soil and Water Conservation District.

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Minimum Requirements for Rain Barrels

These are the minimum requirements to be eligible for a rebate from the MS4 for the purchase and installation of a rain barrel. Rain barrels and accessories may be purchased from any reputable manufacturer or retailer.

1. Check homeowner's association covenants before installing a rain barrel.
2. The rain barrel shall be constructed with a plastic or wood container having a capacity between 45 gallons and 65 gallons.
3. The container may be new or used. New containers sold specifically for use as rain barrels are acceptable. New or used plastic containers constructed of food-grade, high density polyethylene are acceptable. Containers which previously held chemicals or oil are not acceptable for use as rain barrels.
4. The rain barrel shall be closed or have a secured lid to keep children and animals from falling into it.
5. Openings shall be sealed or screened to keep out mosquitoes.
6. The rain barrel shall be installed on a level, stable base.
7. The rain barrel shall be located so that overflows are directed towards lawns or landscaping and away from buildings or bare soil.
8. The rain barrel shall not be located where it will obstruct access to utilities or meters.

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RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I understand that I am purchasing a rain barrel pursuant to a program offered by the City of Columbia City Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) (the "City") and the Whitley County Soil and Water Conservation District (the "SWCD"). I understand that the City and the SWCD are not the manufacturers or the wholesale or retail sellers of the rain barrel. I understand that the City and the SWCD are not making and have not made any warranties regarding the performance, quality, merchantability or any other aspect of the rain barrel being purchased.

I understand that I am purchasing the rain barrel at my own risk, for my own use and for use under my control and that I hereby release, discharge, hold harmless and covenant not to sue the City or SWCD, or anyone employed by the City or SWCD, for any and all claims, damages or losses caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by my use and/or misuse of the rain barrel. In furtherance thereof, I will indemnify, save and hold harmless the City and SWCD from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage or cost which may be incurred as a result of any such claim, to the extent permitted by law.

Printed Name:

Address:

Columbia City	Indiana	46725
CITY	STATE	ZIP

Phone: _____

Signature:

Date: _____