



Water Districts Offer Discounted Rain Barrels to Save Water

Encinitas, CA—To encourage water conservation and reduce runoff that can carry pollutants into local waterways and beaches, Olivenhain Municipal Water District has partnered with Carlsbad Municipal Water District, San Dieguito Water District, and Santa Fe Irrigation District to offer discounted rain barrels to area residents.

Rain barrels ordered by February 26 will be available for pick up at Solana Center for Environmental Innovation on March 2, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. The center is located at 137 North El Camino Real in Encinitas.

Fifty-gallon barrels are on sale for \$90, with a final cost of \$55 after a \$35 rebate from water wholesaler Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

“Many residents are now harvesting rain to use on their landscapes rather than letting it run into storm drains,” said Board Treasurer Larry Watt. “OMWD encourages our customers to take advantage of 2019 storms to supplement their outdoor irrigation.”

Although average rainfall in San Diego County is just under ten inches annually, even light rain can provide several gallons of water for later use. For example, a roof with a 2,000-square-foot surface area can capture 300 gallons from only a quarter-inch of rain.

Visit www.rainbarrelprogram.org/northcounty for more information and to order rain barrels.

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Olivenhain Municipal Water District is a public agency providing water, wastewater services, recycled water, hydroelectricity, and operation of Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve. Organized in 1959, OMWD currently serves approximately 86,000 customers over 48 square miles in northern San Diego County.

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