

# Manville Borough Rain Barrel Rebate Program Application

Complete this form, attach a copy of your receipt and a post-installation photo, and mail to:

New Jersey Water Supply Authority, ATTN: Rain Barrel Rebate

1851 State Route 31, P.O. Box 5196, Clinton, NJ 08809

Or email your application, photo, and receipt to [rainbarrel@raritanbasin.org](mailto:rainbarrel@raritanbasin.org).

Name (of person receiving rebate): \_\_\_\_\_

Installation Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of rain barrels installed:  1  2  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Capacity (each) (in gallons): \_\_\_\_\_ Cost (each): \_\_\_\_\_

Prior to installation, where did the roof leader(down spout) drain?

Driveway  Lawn or landscaping  Piped to street  Do not know

NJWSA will contact you regarding an installation inspection and photo documentation.

I authorize NJWSA to inspect my rain barrel in my absence with prior notification of date and time.

I will be present during an agreed upon inspection date and time.

How much did this rebate influence your decision to purchase and install a rain barrel?

Completely  Somewhat  Not at all

What was your primary reason for installing a rain barrel?

To save money  To conserve water  To reduce stormwater runoff

To increase groundwater recharge  Happier plants  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this program?

Flyer  Newspaper  Internet  Municipality/County

Retail store: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I pledge the information I have provided is accurate and that I have read and understand the terms of this rebate program (previous page) and I will maintain my rain barrel for at least 2 years.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Manville Borough administers the Rain Barrel Rebate Program with a grant funded by the New Jersey Water Supply Authority.

Date Rebate Mailed:

Approved, denied, reason denied

Date Inspected:

For Office Use Only:  
Date Received:

# The Manville Borough Rain Barrel Rebate Program

The Borough of Manville, Somerset County has requested a grant from the New Jersey Water Supply Authority (NJWSA) for the implementation of a rebate program for the installation of rain barrels in the Borough. The funds will be passed through in the form of rebates of up to \$200 per property for participants.

## Background

Manville Borough is located at the confluence of the Raritan and Millstone rivers, immediately upstream from New Jersey American Water's Raritan Millstone Water Treatment Plant. The Borough has recently taken an aggressive approach to improving their resiliency to the negative effects of stormwater runoff. Property acquisitions through the Blue Acres Program, a rain garden program and extensive community outreach and education has created a synergy of awareness among Borough residents. A rain barrel rebate program modeled after the successful pilot program initiated by the NJWSA in the Peters Brook watershed would complement the Borough's efforts.

The high percentage of impervious surface in the Borough contributes to high rates of storm water runoff and peak stream flows during rain events. Pollutants from neighborhood yards and streets are carried directly to storm drains with minimal filtration by vegetation or percolation through the soil. These characteristics, coupled with the Borough's proximity to New Jersey American Water's intake, make Manville a priority area for concentrating efforts to reduce storm water runoff through the implementation of a rain harvesting program.

## Goals and Objectives

The goal of the Manville Rain Barrel Rebate Program is:

- To develop effective outreach tools for conducting stormwater mitigation projects in an urban environment
- To demonstrate the effectiveness of a rain barrel rebate program in reducing the negative effects of stormwater runoff in an urban environment;
- To encourage the residents of Manville Borough to take an active role in improving the environmental quality of the region;
- To provide outreach and education to local residents on a watershed approach to stormwater management;
- To support the installation and use of rain barrels by offering rebates of up to \$200 to properties in the Borough.

## Program Description

Property owners will be eligible to receive a maximum of two rebates per installation address under this program. Rain barrels must meet specific criteria (listed below) and are subject to inspection to ensure they meet the criteria and have been installed correctly. The homeowner must pledge to maintain the rain barrel in good faith for at least two (2) years.

### Rain Barrel Criteria

- Rain barrels must be purchased after the effective date of NJWSA's Memorandum of Agreement with Manville Borough and meet the following criteria:
  - Volume: Minimum of 40 gallons;
  - Mosquito resistant: closed design or a screen top with holes no larger than a window screen;
  - Overflow: to direct water away from the foundation or have an automatic diversion system on your downspout;
  - Spigot: to access water no higher than 3 inches from the bottom of the barrel;
  - Rain barrels must be made of a durable material and be installed on a solid, level base.

Rebates will be awarded on a first come, first served basis until the available funds are exhausted. Participants that install a rain barrel with a capacity of 40 to 70 gallons will receive a rebate of \$50 per