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POPULAR RAIN BARREL AVAILABLE AT HOUSEHOLD WASTE PROGRAM !

CHICAGO, IL --- For the first-time ever, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will offer rain barrels for purchase at its upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day on Saturday, October 27, 2007.

The rain barrel container collects and stores rainwater. The rainwater enters the barrel from the downspout of a home's roof. The water is then available for later use on a lawn or garden. Other uses include: adding to small swimming pools, watering of potted plants, and washing boats, bikes and cars. Rain barrels are easy to set-up, maintain and keep clean.

"A rain barrel affords every homeowner to participate in good water conservation," said Terrence O'Brien, President, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. "Water conservation is a necessity today".

"A home's lawn can be responsible for up to forty percent of a summer's water bill and a rain barrel can help reduce that cost significantly," added Kathleen Therese Meany, Vice President, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

The Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day program collects and disposes various hazardous waste products. The program runs from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm at the Public Works facility in Oak Forest, (159th & Lorel Avenue).

Rain barrels are specially priced at \$40.00 each.

The Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day program is sponsored by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Southwest Conference of Mayors and the South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association. Additional information is available from the MWRDGC at 312/751-6633 or the MWRDGC website: www.mwrd.org.

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