



Sponsor a Rain Barrel!

Since 2014, the City of Delaware has organized the Olentangy River Festival (formerly the NOW Festival) that highlights our local water resources. The festival includes water activities, raffle prizes, education booths from various environmental organizations, food vendors, live music, and more. This summer, the 11th Annual Olentangy River Festival will take place on June 8th at Mingo Park (500 E. Lincoln Ave. Delaware, OH) from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. As part of the festival, the annual rain barrel raffle will occur.

Rain barrels provide many stormwater benefits including:

- Reduction of stormwater runoff
- A free and sustainable source of water for gardening
- Reduction of harmful pollutants being carried into our waterways
- Reduction of ponding and flooding
- Reduction of water bill costs

Rain barrels have become increasingly popular. As a community, we can increase this popularity by making them more visually appealing. Businesses, organizations, and individuals have the opportunity to sponsor a rain barrel for \$30. The cost includes the installation kit, sanding, washing, and priming each barrel before it is distributed for painting. The barrels can be both sponsored and painted by the same entity, or a request can be made for a local art class or artist to paint it. The barrels will be raffled off at the River Fest on June 8th at Mingo Park, and proceeds will go to the Olentangy Watershed Alliance (OWA), a non-profit group dedicated to enhancing and preserving the Upper Olentangy River Watershed.

There are a limited number of barrels available for this opportunity. Once that limit has been obtained or the deadline for ordering has been reached, the barrels will be distributed to painters. Rain barrels will be available for pick up or delivery starting Monday April 15th, as requests are received.

If you are painting the barrel yourself, please use outdoor acrylic paint (same paint that is bought for painting the outside of houses, outdoor fencing, etc.). The rain barrels will need to be decorated and returned by May 20th. Once decorated, you can put them on display at your home or business leading up to the River Fest, or arrangements can be made for the barrel(s) to be picked up or dropped off at the wastewater treatment plant facility for the City to put them on display.

All painted barrels will need to be at the City of Delaware's Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility (225 Cherry St., Delaware, OH) before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20th.

Please consider participating in this fun event! Raffle ticket sales will begin at River Fest at 12 p.m. and end at approximately 3:30 p.m. with the winning tickets to be drawn shortly after.

Please contact the Watershed & Sustainability Coordinator with any questions at 740-203-1905 or lroberts@delawareohio.net. The sponsorship form is enclosed.

Recap of dates and deadlines:

- **Friday April 15th, 2024:** Rain barrels available for pick-up or delivery
- **Friday, April 26th, 2024:** Sponsorship Application and fee due
- **Friday, May 20th, 2024:** Painted rain barrels must be completed (notify the Watershed Coordinator when finished so she can pick up or arrange a time for you to return yours to her)
- **Saturday, June 8th, 2024:** Olentangy River Festival and rain barrel raffle!

Rain Barrel Sponsorship Form 2024

Name of Rain Barrel Sponsor _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Phone _____

We would like to name the barrel ourselves

If yes, name of barrel(s) _____

We would like the painter to name the barrel

<p>We would like to:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Decorate the barrel ourselves</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We would prefer an art program paint it but are willing to do it ourselves if one is not available</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We are only interested in an art program decorating it</p>	<p>If painting it, we would like the rain barrel:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Delivered (to above address)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Available for pickup</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> N/A, not painting it ourselves</p>	<p>We would like:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The City of Delaware to display the final product prior to festival</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To display the final product at our business/organization</p>
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The cost to sponsor the washed, primed, and sanded, barrel with the rain barrel kit is \$30. Checks can be made out to "City of Delaware" and must accompany this form. The completed order form and check can be sent to:

City of Delaware
Attn: Watershed & Sustainability Coordinator
225 Cherry Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

This form and attached check must be received by **Friday, April 26th, 2024** for your organization to participate in the festival.

The completed rain barrel will be returned to the City of Delaware's Wastewater Treatment Facility (225 Cherry St., Delaware, Ohio) **prior to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20th**. The purchase of the rain barrel, kit, and preparatory supplies are non-refundable.

Signature

Date

By signing this form, the organization agrees to all the terms and conditions stated on this form and the information handout. This form must be signed in order to process your request. – Thank you!