

SMART IRRIGATION MONTH

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July is "Smart Irrigation Month"



Not only is July "Smart Irrigation Month," it's also peak time for rainfall here in the subtropics- and the ideal time to update your landscaping. Rain Barrel Workshops explain how to put all that rainfall to work for you. You will need that training when you get your two free trees at an Adopt-a-Tree event. Even with mandatory water restrictions in place, your yard can still be the envy of the block just by learning about water efficiency and smart planting.

For more information about events during "Smart Irrigation Month" please visit: www.miamidade.gov/conservation

Rain Barrel Workshops

Florida receives an average of 56 inches of rainfall per year. An inch of rainfall over a 1000sq.ft. area yields in excess of 600 gallons of water. A rain barrel is an inexpensive means of capturing and storing some of this water for later use. By installing a rain barrel you will not only help reduce pollution from stormwater runoff, but also have a supply of free non-chlorinated Ph neutral water for watering your vegetable garden, prize orchids, potted plants and much more!

Learn about water conservation issues and how to construct and install your very own rain barrel. **We can bring the rain barrel & water conservation workshops to you:**

Workplace
School
Garden Club
Association Meetings
Businesses

All rain barrel workshops include a showerhead and light bulb exchange courtesy of Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department.

Compost Workshops

Free Compost Happens workshops are held on the same day as rain barrel workshops and taught by a Master Gardener. Learn how to start and maintain a compost pile to turn your yard waste and food scraps into rich soil.

Register Now!

Both workshops are **FREE**. To purchase a rain barrel is \$40. You must register ahead of time to purchase a rain barrel. Please sign up if you plan to attend one of the above workshops so we know how many people are attending.

Please contact Lize Luna to register
305-248-3311 ext. 242

For additional information contact
Barbara McAdam ext. 245

Registration Forms

Payment must be made in the form of personal check or money order. We can not accept cash or credit cards.

Date	Location & Time
Saturday, July 23, 2011 Registration form	Deering Estate Compost 10A.M. - 10:30A.M. Rain Barrels 11A.M-12P.M.
Saturday, August 20, 2011 Registration form	Cutler Bay Community Center Compost 10A.M. - 10:30A.M. Rain Barrels 11A.M-12P.M.
Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011 Registration form	Miami-Dade Kendall Campus Compost 12P.M. - 12:30P.M. Rain Barrels 1P.M-2P.M.
Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011 Registration form	North Dade Regional Library Compost 10A.M. - 10:30A.M. Rain Barrels 11A.M-12P.M.
Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011 Registration form	Miami Beach Botanical Garden Compost 10A.M. - 10:30A.M. Rain Barrels 11A.M-12P.M.

Please note that Miami-Dade Cooperative Extension does not sell rain barrels. Rain barrels are made available only to individuals who attend educational workshops. Retail barrel suppliers can be found by looking under the listings for "Barrels & Drums" in your local yellow pages.