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ICPRB Offers More Rain Barrel Workshops in Fall

The ICPRB will offer rain barrel workshops this fall for Potomac watershed citizens. The workshops will be offered in Berryville, Va., Accokeek, Md., and Thurmont, Md., in an effort to expand the barrel project throughout the basin.

Rain barrels are an excellent way to reduce stormwater runoff and conserve water and the workshops help participants get the most out of their barrels. The workshops cover safety and maintenance issues and offer ideas that complement the barrels in the landscape, such as rain gardens, riparian buffers, native plant gardens, and turf reduction.

Workshops are free and open to the public, even without barrel purchase. Barrels cost \$80 each and can be picked up at the workshops. The workshops will be held on August 18, 1-2:15 p.m. at Accokeek Foundation in Accokeek, Md., on August 19, 1:30-2:15 p.m. at ThorpeWood in Thurmont, Md., on August 22, 7-8:15 p.m. at ThorpeWood, and September 8, 10-11:15 a.m. in Berryville, Va. To register for a workshop and reserve a barrel, get directions to the locations, and find out more about the barrels, visit ICPRB's rain barrel page at www.potomacriver.org/about_ICPRB/rainbarrelinfo.htm.

For more information by phone, call Jennifer Willoughby at (301) 984-1908 ext. 109, or email at info@icprb.org.

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