



Village Preservation and Improvement Society

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Browns Hardware and *RainSmart* Program Offer Rain Barrel Discounts to Fight Stormwater in Falls Church

Browns Hardware and the *RainSmart* Program have teamed up to offer rain barrels at a discount to help fight stormwater in the City of Falls Church.

Browns Hardware is selling rain barrels normally priced at \$125 for \$100 dollars. City of Falls Church residents are eligible to apply for a grant from the *RainSmart* program for \$50 for each of up to two rain barrels, bringing the price of a rain barrel down to \$50. Browns has a rain barrel on display.

The *RainSmart* program is managed by the Falls Church Village Preservation and Improvement Society (VPIS) and supported by the City of Falls Church. It is intended to help City of Falls Church residents implement practices that help rainwater soak into the ground where it falls to prevent local flooding and protect water quality locally and in the wider Chesapeake Bay watershed.

RainSmart grants are also available to support landscaping projects, like rain gardens and conservation landscapes, that help reduce stormwater runoff. City residents can apply for grant funds to cover up to 50% of the cost of a project or \$1,500, whichever is less.

Funds for both rain barrel and rain garden grants are limited. Applications for rain barrel grants will be considered on a continuing basis until available funds for the year are committed.

For more information about the *RainSmart* Program and for rain barrel and rain garden applications, go to: <http://www.vpis.org/environment/rainsmart-program/>.

If you have questions about the *RainSmart* Program, send an email to:
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