

Greenville giving away rain barrels

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In a move that has previously spawned hourslong lines, the city and Upstate Forever are giving away rain barrels, the simple vessels for snaring water from your downspout.

The giveaway is for city residents who register online by Sept. 7.

The 55-gallon drums can sell for more than \$100 in some places and come equipped with a screened cover and faucet at the bottom. The idea is to reuse rain water from local rooftops for watering and other

uses, and recipients will be required to sit through a 20-minute water presentation.

The rain barrel pick-up on Sept. 10, at the TD Center on Pleasantburg Drive. Registration that morning begins at 8:30 a.m., and any leftover barrels will be given to people who show proof of city residency.