

TAKE THE BARNEGAT BAY BLITZ RAIN BARREL CHALLENGE



STEP 1:
Participate in the BLITZ



STEP 2:
Design & Paint a Class Rain Barrel



STEP 3:
Enter your Class' Barrel in the
Rain Barrel Challenge



STEP 4:
WIN a Barnegat Bay Festival Day
at your School!



The Barnegat Bay Blitz is an effort led by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in partnership with the New Jersey Clean Communities Council to bring together residents, students, businesses and local governments to help clean up and foster a greater appreciation for Barnegat Bay and its 660-square-mile watershed.

The DEP is encouraging schools within the Barnegat Bay Watershed to participate in the Blitz on October 18. Participating schools will then be eligible to participate in the Department's first-ever Rain Barrel Challenge.

WHAT IS THE RAIN BARREL CHALLENGE?

- Between October and November DEP staff and New Jersey Watershed Ambassadors will be available to give students in-class lessons on stormwater, water pollution, water conservation and how to design and construct a rain barrel
- Schools will have until January 4, 2013 to build and decorate their barrels
- Upon completion, schools can schedule a date and time to have their barrels picked up to be professionally weather proofed and stored
- DEP will post pictures of each barrel along with a description of the artwork on the Blitz website – launching a contest for the most creative barrel
- Voting will be open to the public between January 25 and February 15
- All painted rain barrels will be publicly unveiled at the May 2013 Blitz closing event and the winning school will be announced
- The winning school will win a Barnegat Bay Festival Day at their school (To be scheduled in May or June by the winning school)
- The festival will feature hands-on demonstrations and programs that engage students about water and Barnegat Bay
- Barrels will be returned to the schools after the closing ceremony for a decorative way to conserve water

SIGN ME UP FOR THE RAIN BARREL CHALLENGE!

- Schools that participate in the October 18 Blitz are eligible to participate in the Rain Barrel Challenge
- To sign up for the Blitz, go to: www.nj.gov/dep/barnegatbay/pledge.htm and fill out a volunteer pledge form
- A DEP team captain will contact you with details for the cleanup
- Let your DEP captain know that you also want to participate in the Rain Barrel Challenge
- If your class cannot participate in the October 18 Blitz, an alternate activity can be scheduled

WHAT WILL BE PROVIDED?

- An in-class presentation about stormwater, water pollution and water conservation
- Educational packet with materials, a magnet for the classroom, a Barnegat Bay poster, and instructions for the Rain Barrel Challenge
- A barrel and building supplies
- Weather proofing of barrel once it is complete

WHAT WILL NOT BE PROVIDED?

- Acrylic paints for students to paint the rain barrels

QUESTIONS?

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