

# TAKE THE BARNEGAT BAY BLITZ RAIN BARREL CHALLENGE

**STEP 1:**  
Complete a Schoolyard Cleanup  
or Alternate Stewardship Activity



**STEP 2:**  
Design and Paint  
a Class Rain Barrel



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



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



## JOIN THE BARNEGAT BAY BLITZ RAIN BARREL CHALLENGE

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. A spin-off of the Blitz, the Rain Barrel Challenge was developed to further engage schools in Barnegat Bay education and stewardship activities.

### RAIN BARREL CHALLENGE DETAILS

- In November and December, DEP educators will give students in-class lessons on stormwater, water pollution, water conservation and how to design and construct a rain barrel
- Schools will have until February 10, 2014, to decorate their barrels and participate in one additional stewardship activity of their choosing, such as a schoolyard cleanup, a photo montage, a school newsletter article or other activities
- Barrels will be picked up to be professionally weatherproofed and stored
- Pictures of each barrel, along with a description of the artwork will be posted on the Department's Blitz website-Launching a contest for the most creative barrel
- Voting will be open to the public between March 17th and April 11th
- All painted rain barrels will be publicly unveiled at the Blitz event and the winning barrel will be announced
- The winning school will host a Barnegat Bay Festival Day to be held at their school sometime in May or June 2014 which will feature hands-on demonstrations and programs that engage students about the Barnegat Bay
- All participating schools will be invited to and recognized at the NJ Clean Communities Kids Day Celebration on May 21 at Hunterdon County Fair Grounds
- Following the spring Blitz, barrels will be showcased at public venues throughout the watershed on the Barnegat Bay Blitz Rain Barrel Challenge Summer Tour! BARRELS WILL BE SEEN BY THOUSANDS! All barrels will be returned to the schools in September, 2014

### SIGN ME UP FOR THE RAIN BARREL CHALLENGE!

- To participate, register online at [www.nj.gov/dep/barnegatbay/bbblitz.htm](http://www.nj.gov/dep/barnegatbay/bbblitz.htm) by November 15
- Once your application is completed, your in-school presentation and barrel drop off will be scheduled

### WHAT WILL BE PROVIDED?

- An in-class presentation and Challenge instructions
- Starter packet with materials, a window cling or magnet for the classroom and instructions for the Rain Barrel Challenge
- A barrel and building supplies
- Weatherproofing of barrel once it is complete

### WHAT WILL NOT BE PROVIDED?

- Plastic primer paint (This can be purchased at a home improvement store for under \$10)
- Acrylic paint

### QUESTIONS?

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