

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 March 2, 2015, 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
- A first round of public voting will occur via website on April 20 - May 1. Finalists advancing from the public vote will move onto a second round of voting by panel of judges. Panel voting will take place May 4-8
- 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 2015 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 20 at Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park, Long Branch
- 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 Fall 2015

SIGN ME UP FOR THE RAIN BARREL CHALLENGE!

- To participate, register online at www.nj.gov/dep/barnegatbay/bbblitz.htm by November 17
- 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 package with 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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