

# Earth Day

## Rain Barrel and Compost Bin Sale



**SYSTEMN™ Rain Barrel**  
55 gallon capacity



**Earth Machine™ Compost Bin**  
80 gallon capacity

Erie County and the Western NY Stormwater Coalition, are once again selling rain barrels and compost bins.

**Prices are as follows:**

<b>Rain Barrels</b>	\$58.49 each (tax included)
<b>Compost Bins</b>	\$41.08 each (tax included)
<b>Kitchen Compost Container</b>	\$ 5.74 each (tax included)
<b>Compost Turner Tool</b>	\$16.03 each (tax included)



The rain barrels and compost bins can be purchased online via [www.erie.gov/stormwater](http://www.erie.gov/stormwater)

Orders must be placed by **May 20, 2016.**

Estimated date for scheduled pick up: **June 15, 2016**

Please note: there will be two locations for pick up: one in Tonawanda, one in Orchard Park. You will select your preference at the time of your order. We will contact you by e-mail in June to provide directions and specific dates and times for pick up.

There are several environmental benefits associated with rain barrels. Foremost, rain barrels reduce stormwater runoff, this is water that does not soak in to the ground and can transport many pollutants to our local waterways. By using collected rainwater for watering lawns, gardens, potted plants and for washing off patio furniture and tools, rain barrels conserve water. From a gardening perspective, the natural nutrients in rain water make it far better than tap water, which has chlorine and fluoride in it. With a rain barrel, gardeners can minimize or eliminate their use of chemical fertilizers. Composting yard trimmings and food scraps, is a simple way to recycle nutrients and return them to the soil. The addition of compost enriches soil and will stimulate plant growth, thereby reducing the need for chemical fertilizers. Composting has the added benefit of reducing the amount of solid waste that would otherwise go to a landfill.

**Please contact Erie County DEP at 716-858-6370 if you have any questions.**