

TOWN OF WINCHESTER 2010 RAIN BARREL AND COMPOST BIN PROGRAM



Orders must be placed by Fri. June 11th! The Town of Winchester is pleased to announce a partnership with The New England Rain Barrel Company to offer <u>rain barrels</u> and <u>compost bins</u> to Winchester residents at a discounted rate.

Delivery:
Thurs. June 17th
4 to 7PM at the
Transfer Station

Residents may purchase rain barrels for the reduced price of \$74.95 each – a savings of \$45 over retail. Bio-Orb® composters are being offered for \$89.95 – a savings of \$40 over retail.

To order call toll free 1-877-977-3135 or order online at www.nerainbarrel.com

Why use a rain barrel?

- Excellent way to capture and store rainwater from your rooftop for watering lawns, gardens, & plants.
- o Conserves water, saves money, and decreases the burden on Town's drainage system.
- The average homeowner uses approximately 40% of their annual water consumption outdoors.
- o Each barrel holds 55 to 60 gallons of rainwater.
- o Connects easily to gutters and downspouts.
- o Screened louver opening to keep insects and debris out.
- A quarter inch of runoff from the average roof will fill the barrel - five storms a season equals 275 gallons of free water!

Why use a compost bin?

- Composting is an efficient way to break down organic materials, like yard waste, into an end product that can be used as a soil amendment and is beneficial to plants.
- The Bio-Orb has a capacity of 13 cubic feet and is made of 100% recycled black plastic to absorb heat.
- The bin is easily rolled to speed up production of compost.
- Composting reduces yard waste contributions to landfills, thereby reducing municipal waste disposal costs and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- o The use of compost can reduce or eliminate the need to use chemical fertilizers in the garden.