



## Water Districts Host Rain Barrel Sale

**Encinitas, CA**—To encourage water conservation and reduce runoff that can carry pollutants into local waterways and beaches, Olivenhain Municipal Water District has partnered with San Dieguito Water District and Santa Fe Irrigation District to offer discounted rain barrels to area residents.

Rain barrels ordered by January 19 will be available for pick up at Solana Center for Environmental Innovation on January 25, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The center is located at 137 North El Camino Real in Encinitas.

Fifty-gallon barrels are on sale for \$90, with a final cost of \$55 after a \$35 rebate from water wholesaler Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Rebates on rain barrels and other water-saving measures are available at [www.socalwatersmart.com](http://www.socalwatersmart.com).

OMWD Board Director Bob Kephart said, "Rain barrels are an easy way to reduce water use while also minimizing runoff into storm drains. It's really surprising how quickly they fill up!"

Although average rainfall in San Diego County is just under ten inches annually, even light rain can provide a sufficient amount of water for later use. For example, a roof with a 2,000-square-foot surface area can capture 300 gallons from only a quarter-inch of rain.

Visit [www.rainbarrelprogram.org/northcounty](http://www.rainbarrelprogram.org/northcounty) for more information and to order rain barrels.

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*Olivenhain Municipal Water District is a public agency providing water, wastewater services, recycled water, hydroelectricity, and operation of Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve. Organized in 1959, OMWD currently serves approximately 86,000 customers over 48 square miles in northern San Diego County.*

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