



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Joseph P. Addabbo Jr.

## Addabbo and Hevesi Host Successful Rain Barrel Giveaway in Forest Hills

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Each barrel holds 55-gallons of liquid.

State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. partnered with Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi and the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (NYC DEP) to host a free Rain Barrel Giveaway on Saturday at Metropolitan Expeditionary Learning School (MELS) in Forest Hills.

The 55-gallon plastic rain barrels attach to a rain gutter to collect and store excess water during periods of rainfall. That rainwater can then later be used to complete tasks around the house and outdoors, rather than using fresh water. The water collected in the rain barrels is not for drinking.

“Rain barrels are very useful tools that have a positive impact on residents,” Addabbo said. “With a quick and easy setup, the rain barrels can collect rainwater which can then be used for a wide range of tasks such as watering gardens, washing cars, cleaning windows and other chores. Residents with rain barrels attached to their homes not only preserve their drinking water, but they can also save some money on their water bills. I want to thank Assemblymember Hevesi, DEP and MELS for partnering on this important event.”

"Thanks to Senator Addabbo and his team for spearheading the effort and making sure these much sought-after resources are available for our community. These are proven to promote environmental resilience and are a great way for residents to save on water bills and have readily available water for household chores. Special shoutout to leadership at MELS for making this happen, and to DEP for their continued partnership," said Assemblymember Andrew Hevesi.