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Addabbo to co-host free rain barrel giveaway with Barnwell and Holden in Maspeth

SENATOR JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, JR. April 23, 2018

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SATURDAY, MAY 5
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Maspeth Federal Savings Bank
58-16 69th Street, Maspeth



In an effort to help homeowners conserve water and contribute to the city's overall environmental health, State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr., Assemblyman Brian Barnwell, and City Councilman Bob Holden are teaming up to bring a free rain barrel giveaway to Maspeth this May, in partnership with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Constituents who live in Addabbo's district may register to receive a free 55-gallon rain barrel, which can be attached to a storm gutter to collect and store excess rainwater. The water can then be used to complete certain tasks around the house rather than using city tap water.

Those who register for the giveaway must pick up their free rain barrel between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 5 at Maspeth Federal Saving Bank, located at 56-18 69th Street in Maspeth.

"These rain barrels are designed to catch excess rain water, and can have a tremendous impact on our environment if we all take advantage of them," Addabbo, a member of the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee, said. "As water is stored in the rain barrels, residents can then use that water to water the plants in their garden or wash their car, rather than using fresh water from their homes. This will not only help preserve water for the environment, but it will save homeowners money by not having to pay for that water. I encourage everyone to sign up to receive their free rain barrel and do their part to help protect our environment."

"I am glad to sponsor an event that helps individuals save money on water, and overall, helps the environment," Barnwell said. "It's a win-win for all involved, and I encourage everyone to sign up to obtain these free rain barrels."

"I am happy to be involved in the rain barrel giveaway with Senator Addabbo and Assemblyman Barnwell. These rain barrels present community members with a simple and cost-effective way to get involved in water conservation efforts, and I hope to see them used throughout the district," stated City Councilman Bob Holden.

To register to receive a rain barrel on May 5, contact either Addabbo's Howard Beach office at 718-738-1111, Barnwell's office at 718-651-3185, or Holden's office at 718-366-3900, or visit <https://www.nysenate.gov/questionnaires/joseph-p-addabbo-jr/free-rain-barrel-give-away-may-5-2018>.

Those who pre-register must pick up their rain barrels between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Any remaining barrels will be given away on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Addabbo is scheduled to collaborate with other elected officials to host additional rain barrel giveaways across his district. To find out more about these events, contact Addabbo's Howard Beach office at 718-738-1111.