



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR
James Sanders Jr.

Sanders Gives Away Over 100 Rain Barrels in Springfield Gardens

JAMES SANDERS JR. April 21, 2018



Senator James Sanders Jr. (D-Rochdale Village, Far Rockaway) joined the NYC Department of Environmental Protection to give away free rain barrels on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Springfield Gardens Park.

Rain barrels capture storm water from your roof and store it for future uses like watering lawns or gardens. Conserving water saves money, helps the environment and reduces the burden on the city's drinking water system during the summer's hottest days.

All 104 of the green barrels that were available at the event were distributed. Each weighed

about ten pounds and could hold 65 gallons of water. The barrels came with hook up instructions and a Universal Downspout Rain Diverter Kit.

Basically to utilize the barrel, a piece of one's roof gutter needs to be cut and inserted into the top of the barrel allowing for rain collection, while a hose would be attached to a hole at the bottom of the barrel so that the water can be re-used.

"It was great to see so many residents taking advantage our rain barrel giveaway in Springfield Gardens," Sanders said. "Reusing rain is a great way to save money on water bills and help the environment."

Many of the barrel recipients were excited to start using the vessels.

We would like to thank the Boy Scouts Troop 263 of Queens Village for volunteering their time to help out at the event.

Senator Sanders will hold another rain barrel give away in June. More information to follow.