

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Blue River Watershed Association (BRWA) to Host Rain Barrel Making Workshop**

*Rain Barrel Reign!*

KANSAS CITY, MO, MARCH 15, 2020 – Blue River Watershed Association's (BRWA) *Rain Barrel Reign* program will introduce community participants to concepts such as watersheds, stormwater runoff, chemical pollution, and how human behavior impacts local streams and rivers. Participants will paint and build rain barrels to install at their home to reduce their impact of these issues on local waterways, while improving water quality.

This project is a collaboration between [River Network](#), The Coca-Cola Company, and the [Blue River Watershed Association](#) (BRWA). River Network supports the construction of more than 1,400 rain barrels every year at 50+ workshops. Generous support from the Coca-Cola Company helps River Network connect approved workshop hosts with local Coca-Cola bottlers or distributors to arrange donation of recycled 35 or 55-gallon food-grade ingredient drums.

Rain barrels are a simple tool for collecting rainwater, limiting pollution, and reducing flood risk. The simple devices attach to your home or business's downspout and capture rainwater before it picks up pollution. Rain barrel water can be used for a variety of household purposes, including watering gardens and lawns. Collecting free rainwater can also help save a few dollars on your water bill.

BRWA is hosting a public rain barrel-making workshop on April 25, 2020 at 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64113. Program attendees will build their own 35 or 55-gallon rain barrel from a recycled food grade plastic drum and learn how to properly install and maintain it. Space is limited to 30 participants and advance registration is required. Visit [www.brwa.net/events](http://www.brwa.net/events) to sign up and learn more.

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