



**Help Paddock win a  
rain barrel to  
help the environment!**

**Rain Barrel Design Competition**

**Could you design a winning rain barrel for the  
Illinois Department of Transportation?  
If so, Paddock will receive a rain barrel free for us to  
decorate and use at the school to recycle rain water.**

How to participate:

1. Ask for a rain barrel template from your teacher, the PTA website ([www.paddockpta.org](http://www.paddockpta.org)), BigTent or Julie VanderArk/Susanne Glazbrook.
2. Draw a nature, conservation, wildlife or recycling theme on the entry form template in crayon, colored pencils or markers. (No paint, chalk or computer designs.)
3. Turn it in to your teacher by **March 19th** with the required forms.
4. Paddock teachers will pick 1 entry for 3rd—5th grades & one entry for 6th grade to submit to the competition. Entries from K-2nd grade are not eligible for the IL Department of Transportation contest but will be on display at Paddock.



Did you know: A rain barrel is a plastic container that catches water runoff from roofs by attaching a drainpipe to the barrel. This container allows users to recycle water resources and help reduce stormwater runoff. Stormwater runoff is water from rain or snowfall that flows from rooftops, across streets and through grass to the nearest body of water. During the water's journey to the larger body of water, several pollutants are mixed with the water along the way. These can include motor oil, grease, gas, animal waste, fertilizers and herbicides. This unclean water eventually becomes mixed with our drinking water. By utilizing a rain barrel, the amount of unclean water flowing towards sewer treatment facilities is reduced while decreasing the amount of runoff pollution thereby helping our rivers, lakes and streams stay clean.

**All entries will be on display for Paddock's Open House**

