



Illinois Department
of Transportation

Office of Sustainable Practices

2012 Rain Barrel Design Competition

Contest Details!

Step 1. Submit your school's best design on the attached template

BACK	FRONT	BACK
<p>Approximate barrel dimensions: 35"X72"</p>		

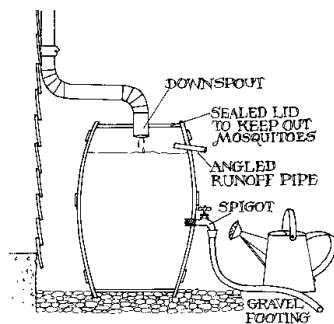
Step 2. If your school's design wins, you'll receive a rain barrel to decorate



Step 3. Decorate your rain barrel with your school's winning design



Step 4. Enjoy using your rain barrel



The Illinois Department of Transportation is pleased to announce that a **Rain Barrel Design Competition is taking place through March 30, 2012.**

45 creative designs for rain barrels will be chosen from participating Illinois schools in an effort to promote water recycling. All Illinois schools—grades 3 through 12—are eligible to participate. Winning schools will receive a rain barrel to decorate and utilize at no cost to the school.

This is an excellent opportunity for science and art classes to participate in a program that will enhance lesson plans regarding the importance of sustainability and the environment while encouraging kids to get their creativity flowing!

Submit Your School's Designs to:

Illinois Department of
Transportation
Office of Sustainable Practices
700 E. Norris Drive
Ottawa, IL 61350
Attention: Steve Massey
Phone: 815-434-8914
Email: steve.massey@illinois.gov

Participation is easy! Select a student's design and mail in by March 30, 2012!

- Illinois Elementary, Middle & High Schools may participate. Winners will be awarded in three grade categories; 3-5, 6-8, 9-12
- 45 winning schools are awarded a rain barrel to decorate for Earth Day and will be recognized as an IDOT Sustainable Partner!

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Background: 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. A rain barrel will also lower a person's water bill while creating an alternative source of water during times of drought or between rainfalls. In cooperation with the Illinois Department of Corrections/Illinois Correctional Industries, the Illinois Department of Transportation is committed to reducing the amount of unclean water polluting our water resources by facilitating the competition, with the goal of encouraging Illinois students to incorporate green practices into their lives at an early age.

Rules:

1. This packet contains a rain barrel template on which the selected student design **MUST** be drawn in crayon, colored pencils or markers. No paint, chalk or computer designs will be accepted.
2. Students should utilize a nature, conservation, wildlife or recycling theme.
3. Schools may submit 1 drawing for each grade category.
4. Deadline for submissions is March 30, 2012. Submissions must be postmarked no later than that day or they will be ineligible.
5. Teachers and parents are prohibited from assisting with the design. If the judges deem these rules have been violated, they have the right to disqualify the submission.
6. The artist(s) that design the school's submission must have a Release and Waiver of Liability signed by a parent or legal guardian, and it must accompany the design upon submission.
7. Artwork becomes the property of IDOT and may be used at our discretion for promotional and other purposes.
8. The Council of Sustainable Practices will judge the designs. The Council will make its decision based on artistic ability, creativity and successful communication of the theme.
9. Winning schools will be notified via email or by phone, with the understanding that the artist or school is expected to paint the winning design on the rain barrel.
10. Have fun and be creative!

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RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

This Release and Waiver of Liability (“Release”) confirms the agreement between you and the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to collectively as “Sponsor”) regarding your minor child’s participation in the Illinois Rain Barrel Design Competition 2012, wherein laundry detergent containers will be recycled into decorative rain barrels.

The Undersigned custodial parent or legal guardian hereby irrevocably grants to the Sponsor and their authorized agents perpetually, exclusively, and for all media (print, electronic, video and other formats), the right to use the artwork submitted for this contest through your minor child’s school, and any reproductions of that artwork, and to identify your minor child as the artist, in any promotional materials at the exclusive discretion of the Sponsor and their authorized agents. Further, the Undersigned custodial parent or legal guardian agrees to allow the Sponsor to use said artwork and identification of your minor child as the artist without any compensation of any type or form to the Undersigned custodial parent or legal guardian.

Further, the Undersigned custodial parent or legal guardian knowingly, freely and voluntarily releases, and discharges the Sponsor, their officers, agents, representatives, servants and employees from any and all liability, claims, judgments, claims, demands, costs, causes of action, including without limitation rights of privacy and publicity, and damages of any kind for any personal injury, losses or damages, known or unknown, to the Undersigned and the Undersigned’s minor child caused by, or arising out of the minor child’s participation in the Rain Barrel Design Competition, the Sponsor use of the minor child’s artwork or the identification of your minor child as the artist.

This Agreement shall not obligate the Sponsor or their authorized agents to use the name of the artwork, or to use any of the rights granted hereunder, or to prepare, produce, exhibit, distribute or in any way exploit the artwork.

The Sponsor shall retain the right to assign their rights hereunder without the consent of the Undersigned, in whole or in part, to any person, firm, organization, or corporation.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS IT. THE UNDERSIGNED REPRESENTS THAT HE OR SHE IS THE CUSTODIAL PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR CHILD NAMED BELOW. THE UNDERSIGNED CONSENTS TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS STATED IN THE RELEASE AND WAIVER ON BEHALF OF HIS OR HER MINOR CHILD. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE OR SHE HAS THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO GRANT SUCH CONSENT.

Print Name of Minor Child/Artist _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

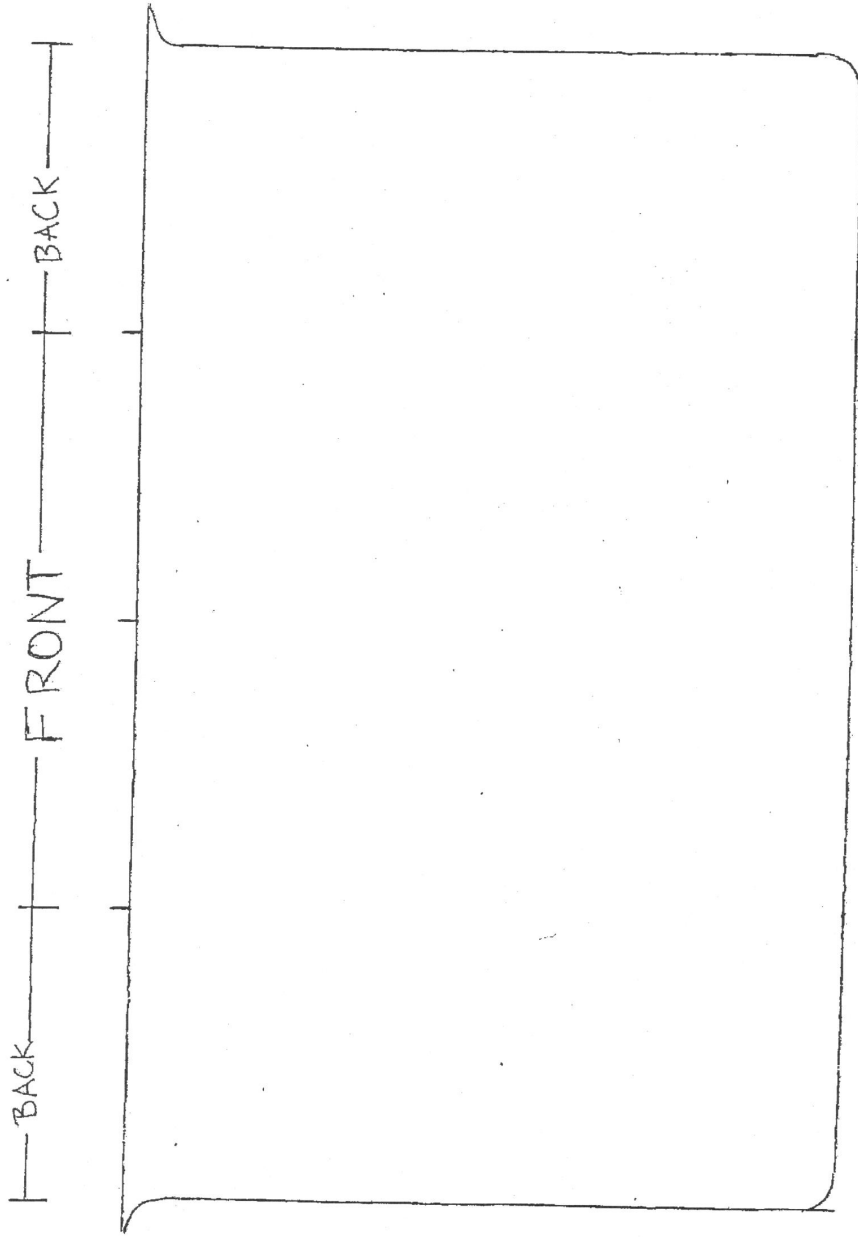
Print Name of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Name of School _____

Date _____

Witness _____

Illinois Rain Barrel Design Competition Template



Rain Barrel Template Dimensions: 5 X 8 inches

Rain Barrel Dimensions: 35 X 72 inches*

*Measurements may not be exact

Student Name & Grade _____

Teacher/Principal _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

School Contact Phone _____

School Contact Email _____