

PUT YOUR STORMWATER TO WORK FOR YOU AND ME!

Stormwater runoff is a major problem in Maine. As rainwater runs across developed areas, it picks up pollutants and carries them to our waterways. Rain barrels and environmentally friendly landscaping are Low Impact Development (LID) strategies that you can use to manage stormwater on your property. These strategies are easy to implement, attractive, inexpensive to construct, and conserve water.



RAIN BARRELS

Through bulk purchasing directly with the manufacturer, the Portland Water District is able to offer rain barrels at a discounted price of \$65 (includes tax and handling). This is over 30% off the retail price!

Rain barrels are made from 55-gallon recycled food-grade barrels. The fully screened intake port keeps mosquitoes, insects, and debris out. The lid can be removed for easy cleaning and for storing hoses inside the barrel during the winter. The solid brass threaded spigot can be connected to a regular hose or soaker hose. The overflow connector and tubing can be used to direct water away from the foundation or to join multiple barrels for additional storage capacity.



Did you know that a typical (20 by 50) roof sheds 600 gallons of water during a 1 inch rainstorm? This water can be captured with a rain barrel and stored for later use to water lawns, gardens, and indoor plants.

How to Purchase a Discounted Rain Barrel.

1. **Reserve and Pay online** at www.pwd.org.
Deadline: May 15, 2009.
2. **Pick Up:** When you order, you can select your preference for pick up, Portland or Standish.

Portland Water District

225 Douglass St., Portland
Saturday, May 30 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Saturday, June 6 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Pick up will take place in the fenced in parking lot across the street from the offices.

Sebago Lake Ecology Center

1 White Rock Rd., Standish
(Intersection of Routes 237 and 35)
Friday, June 12 from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday, June 19 from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Questions?

sebagolake@pwd.org

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING



The Sebago Lake Ecology Center's Pervious Pathway, a Low Impact Development demonstration, showcases 13 recommendations for environmentally friendly landscaping techniques. Contact the Portland Water District at sebagolake@pwd.org to visit the pathway and learn about these techniques.



CELEBRATE NATIONAL DRINKING WATER WEEK

May 3 - May 9



Lakes And Loons
Vernal Pool VIPs
Fish Printing
Meet Maine's Owls
Stormwater Runoff Solutions
Simple Design Projects
Discounted Rain Barrels



Photo: Geneva Nelson

A MESSAGE FROM THE
PORTLAND WATER DISTRICT

CELEBRATE NATIONAL DRINKING WATER WEEK

UNDERSTAND MAINE'S MOST PRECIOUS NATURAL RESOURCE: **WATER!**

Photo: Linda Panzera



LAKES AND LOONS

MONDAY, MAY 4

Listen to the call of the loon and examine a loon mount up close, as a local expert explains the loon's life history and biggest threats to success. Learn how you can help protect these denizens of the lakes we all love.

TIME:
10:00 a.m. – noon

WHERE:
Sebago Lake Ecology Center
LIMIT 15

CAN YOU REDUCE YOUR STORMWATER FOOTPRINT?

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Capture. Collect. Control. Learn how to design simple projects that manage your property's stormwater and turn unwanted puddles of mud into beautiful landscapes.

10:00 am: Rain Barrels and Rain Gardens;
What are they, how do they work,
how can I install one?

11:00 am: A guided tour of PWD's Pervious Pathway.
Experts will describe each natural landscaping method.

TIME:
10:00 a.m. – noon

WHERE:
Sebago Lake Ecology Center
APPROPRIATE FOR ADULTS. LIMIT 15.

BECOME A VERNAL POOL V.I.P.

(Very Important Protector)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Learn all about Vernal Pools: who lives there and what do they do. Examine live critters, talk to frogs and toads, then take a short walk to a Vernal Pool. All ages welcome. Proper outdoor clothing and waterproof boots are recommended.

TIME:
10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

WHERE:
Sebago Lake Ecology Center
LIMIT 15.

FISH PRINTING

THURSDAY, MAY 7

Would you like to wear a trout? Children can print their own unique fish t-shirt, using rubber models and paints supplied by PWD. Bring your own t-shirt. This program is perfect for preschoolers through 6th graders.

TIME:
10:00 a.m. - noon

WHERE:
Sebago Lake Ecology Center
LIMIT 12.

Reservations required for all events.



**sebagolake@pwd.org or
774-5961 ext. 3324**

Outdoor activities will be held rain or shine, unless the weather is severe. Please call if the weather is questionable. Refreshments and light snacks will be provided.

The Sebago Lake Ecology Center is located at the intersection of routes 237 and 35 in Standish.

GLACIERS AND GUM TREES

THURSDAY, MAY 7

Join PWD naturalists on an exclusive tour of our newest nature trail. We'll explore the edge of a Kame (a large geologic feature) that dams Sebago Lake and the different habitats it creates. We'll discuss the plants and animals that we see and also the ones who call this area home but are more elusive. Be prepared to walk in the woods and bring binoculars if you have them.

TIME:
1:00 – 3:00

WHERE:
Sebago Lake Ecology Center
LIMIT 12.

MEET MAINE'S OWLS

Habitats and Adaptations of Maine's Native Owls

FRIDAY, MAY 8

Chewonki presenters will demonstrate the unique characteristics of owls that set them apart from other birds. See live, non-releasable owls! Learn to recognize different owl calls, how to find owl pellets, and what to do if you find a young owl in the woods.

TIME:
10:30 a.m. – noon

WHERE:
Jeff P. Nixon Development Center
225 Douglass Street, Portland

