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RAIN BARREL SALE PROVIDES SAVINGS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Rain barrel purchases must be picked up on Sunday, May 4.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., April 25, 2008 — The Huron River Watershed Council is having a spring rain barrel sale to coincide with the new storm water rates in the City of Ann Arbor. The city offers a \$1.79 quarterly credit on storm water bills to any residence with at least one rain barrel. Rain barrels serve an important role in storm water reduction by collecting water that would otherwise run directly into storm sewers and making it available for use on home gardens and lawns.

The 60-gallon rain barrels are being sold at a significantly reduced price of \$90 each (retail \$124.95), and can be purchased through the Huron River Watershed Council Web site: www.hrwc.org/rainbarrels/. Anyone is welcome to purchase a rain barrel. There is a limit of 10 barrels per household.

Rain barrel purchases must be picked up **on Sunday, May 4, 2008, between 1 and 4 p.m.** at Huron High School (2727 Fuller Road, Ann Arbor). Rain barrels not picked up at this time will be donated to a local area non-profit (without refund). If someone other than the purchaser is picking up the barrel, the purchaser must contact HRWC to provide the name of the person who will be picking up the barrel.

More information on the city's storm water rates are posted at www.a2gov.org/storm.

Questions about the sale may be directed to HRWC at 734.769.5123, extension 20, or dbouma@hrwc.org.

Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and was named one of the top 25 U.S. cities to live in by CNN/Money Magazine in 2006, as well as the fourth smartest city in the U.S. by Forbes Magazine. The city's mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.

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