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**Rain Barrel Workshop at Shawnee Prairie on June 20<sup>th</sup>**

The Darke Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and Darke County Park District will be hosting a Rain Barrel Workshop on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Shawnee Prairie Preserve (4267 State Route 502 West). A rain barrel is a rain water collection system that stores rooftop runoff to be used later for activities such as lawn and garden watering, car washing or even window cleaning. Rain barrels are connected to your downspout and are a great way to positively impact the environment.

“Darke SWCD is excited to partner with the Parks to host this workshop. Promoting the use of rain barrels can help Darke County residents lower their water bill while positively impacting the environment,” stated Jared Coppess, District Administrator for Darke SWCD. “If you’ve ever been curious about rain barrels, either what they do or why to use one, come join us at this workshop. We will answer your questions and make sure you walk out with a fully assembled rain barrel ready to use at your home.”

Please bring a cordless drill. If you don’t have one, let us know and we may have one for you to borrow. The fee for this program is \$40, which covers the cost of the rain barrel and connecting kit. Pre-registration is required and you can pre-register by calling the Darke SWCD office at 937-548-1752 or visiting our website, [www.darkeswcd.com](http://www.darkeswcd.com). Space is limited, so register today!

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