

RAM Press Release

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Jump start your Spring gardening efforts

With expanded opportunities to get an affordable rain barrel or compost bin!

Winter might not be an ideal time to start thinking about backyard gardening, but it's a great time to get a jump start on gardening and water conservation efforts by setting up a compost bin or rain barrel at your home.

This spring, the Recycling Association of Minnesota is working with cities and counties throughout Minnesota to bring residents affordable rain barrels and compost bins to Minnesota residents. There are many economic and environmental benefits to using rain barrels and compost bins, a few are:

- When you use a rain barrel, you will conserve water by using the rain water rather than from the spigot (which you pay for). It can also help with storm water management on your property in conjunction with your neighbor! It can also reduce storm water runoff, which can be a major pollution contributor to waterways.
- By using a compost bin you can reduce more than 25% of your waste from going to a landfill which saves you money!

These compost bins and rain barrels come with a 10 year warranty, are made from recycled content and are extremely affordable. Compost bins are only \$55 and rain barrels are \$69.

RAM is hosting several rain barrel and compost bin distribution events throughout Minnesota which include White Bear Lake, Chisago County, St. Cloud, Alexandria, Plymouth, Roseville, St. Louis Park, Minnetonka, Mankato and Minneapolis. For specific dates and to pre-order for pickup at any one of these locations go to: **[RecycleMinnesota.org](http://RecycleMinnesota.org)**.

Want to come see them for yourself? RAM has the rain barrels and compost bins on display at their education and resource center located at 852B Lake Street East, Wayzata, MN 55391. Hours open to the public: M-F 10am – 4pm.