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DEP Joins Council Member Paul Vallone and Assemblyman Edward Braunstein to Distribute Rain Barrels to 240 Homeowners in Douglaston, Little Neck and Bayside



Rain Barrels Collect Precipitation, Reduce Residential Water Bills and Help to Protect the Health of Alley Creek and Little Neck Bay

Photos of the Event are Available on DEP's Flickr Page

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on Saturday joined New York City Council Member Paul A. Vallone and New York State Assemblyman Edward C. Braunstein to distribute rain barrels to 240 homeowners in the neighborhoods of Douglaston, Little Neck and Bayside. The 60-gallon rain barrels are easy to install and connect directly to a property owner's downspout to capture and store the stormwater that falls on the rooftop. The water collected in the rain barrel can then be used to water lawns and gardens, or for other outdoor chores. Rain barrels can help reduce a homeowner's water bill as watering lawns and gardens can account for up to 40 percent of an average household's water use during the summer months. They also help to reduce the amount of stormwater that enters the City's sewer system, which helps to protect the health of local waterways including Alley Creek and Little Neck Bay. Over the last several years, DEP has distributed more than 5,100 rain barrels to New York City homeowners. Saturday's event was held at the Alley Pond Environmental Center in Little Neck and the rain barrels were provided free of charge.

"Rain barrels are an environmentally friendly and economically sound addition to anyone's home. They help to save both water and money," said **DEP Acting Commissioner Steven Lawitts**. "The captured rainfall eases the amount of stormwater flowing through our sewer system, thereby improving the health of Alley Creek and Little Neck Bay.

"As Council Member, bringing relief to our homeowners is one of my highest priorities. Now that we were able to distribute these rain barrels, our constituents will save money on their water bills while also committing to a greener city, said Council Member Paul Vallone. "I thank the Department of Environmental Protection, Assemblyman Edward Braunstein and Alley Pond Environmental Center for partnering with our office on such a successful event."

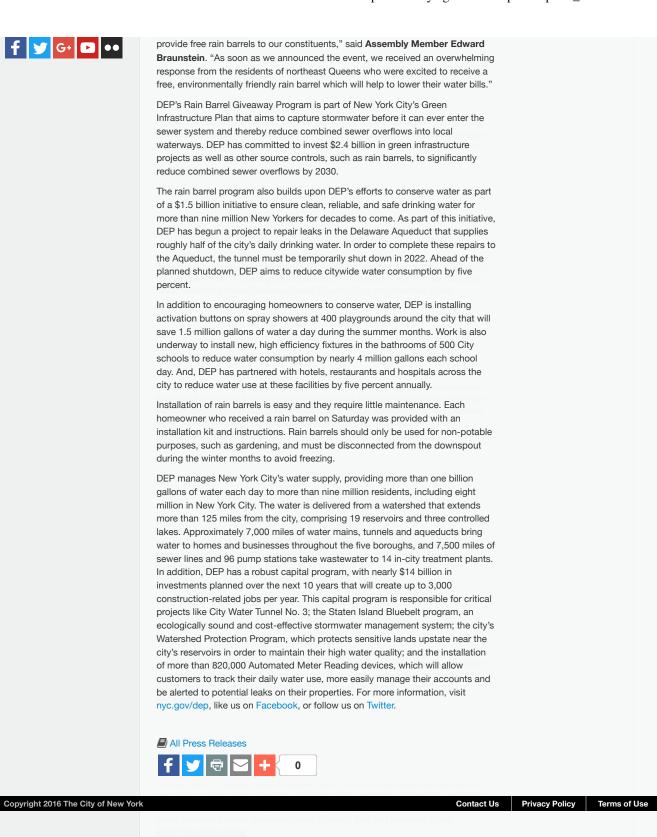
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