



To: MUIRFIELD DESIGN CONTROL COMMITTEE

Application for: **RAIN BARREL**

Date: _____ Lot #: _____ Phase # _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

This application is presented to request approval for proposed changes affecting my lot. I understand that the Committee meets regularly, that they may take up to 30-days to respond to this request and will respond sooner if possible. To expedite the application process, please find enclosed 2 copies of this application with all relevant details and the review fee. I understand that one copy of this application will be retained on file at the Association office and the other will be returned to me. Pertinent parts of this application submission include:

- A site plan showing the proposed location of the receptacle
- Location of existing or planned evergreen shrubs that will be used to screen the receptacle
- A brochure describing the rain barrel
- Photos of the installation area
- Design Review fee \$10
- Expected Date of Completion _____

My signature below certifies my commitment to comply with all the requirements as outlined in the Design Standards and on the Guidelines.

Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

MUIRFIELD ASSOCIATION, INC.

GUIDELINES FOR USE OF RAIN BARRELS

Rain barrels are best defined as an above-ground pre-fabricated storage receptacle with an automatic overflow system that collects and stores storm water runoff from the roof of a structure that would have been otherwise routed into a storm drain. By attaching roof downspouts to a receptacle, rain water can be collected to use for outdoor watering. Written approval from the Muirfield Design Control Committee must be obtained prior to installation. This guide sheet will help you prepare the application for the best outcome. These guidelines are in accordance with the Muirfield Design Standards. The following are required for compliance:

1. Submit 2 complete applications including pertinent drawings, brochures, photos and samples prior to starting the project
2. Maximum capacity of rain barrel is 80 gallons
3. Rain barrels or storage containers cannot be placed more than 1 foot away from the primary structure, must be at least 7.5 feet from the property line and may not be placed in the front of the home and/or between the home and the street
4. Rain barrels are to be located to the side or rear of residence
5. Maximum height including supporting framing is 48" above grade
6. Connections from the downspout to the rain barrel must match the color of the downspout
7. Provide several photos of the area
8. Rain barrel styles must be an appropriate design to complement the residence. They may be constructed of natural material or designed to appear similar to a planter, stone boulder or similar item
9. Rain barrels must be neutral in color. Some designs need to be painted to match the body or trim color of the home at the discretion of the MDCC
10. The City of Dublin offers several styles of rain barrels at reduced prices for Dublin residents. Contact DCRC at 614-410-4550 for information. Owners must verify zoning requirement of the City as they apply to rain barrels
11. Provide rain barrel detail sheet
12. Provide a plan including the number, location, size and type of evergreen landscaping that will be used to screen the barrel

Rain Barrels can provide a way for residents to “go green” and be cost efficient. Rain water can be collected by attaching roof downspouts to an approved receptacle. After a heavy rain, water collected in these receptacles can be used to water gardens and yards. Using a rain barrel is a source of free soft water containing no chlorine, lime or calcium, making it ideal for gardens, flower pots or car and window washing. Screening may be necessary, depending on the location, dimension and appearance. The MDCC will review requests for rain collection receptacles. The receptacles must be located at the rear of the home in an inconspicuous area and camouflaged with evergreen materials for year-round screening while still allowing full access to the unit. The color of the rain barrel should be considered so that it blends in with the surroundings. Plastic units are subject to fading and cracking due to weather and temperature fluctuations.

