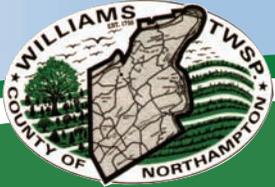


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Northampton County, PA



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## SUPPORT THE TROOPS!



***Support the Troops, Inc. is a local 501(c) 3, non-profit that ships packages year round to our men and women who serve. Do you know someone serving our country? Provide Blair or Valerie Ferguson, 610-438-8885, with their name and address and that soldier will get care packages for FREE during their entire deployment.***

Support the Troops (STTs) would like to thank Terri Hinline, for her continued support and assistance to STTs by baking cookies for our troops. Terri also procured a grant from Thrivent Financial Action Team, through St. John's Lutheran Church of Williams Township. Through this

grant Terri helped re-stock the shelves for our troops in preparation of Junior Girl Scout Troop 889 helping pack 15 packages for local service members.

Thank you Girl Scouts, their leaders, Terri and the Thrivent Financial Action Team!

## Williams Township Veterans Memorial Committee

**Y**ou're invited to join this working committee whose members plan and implement the Memorial Day commemoration and the Veterans Day event. Leave a message with your name, phone number, and email address at the Municipal Office, 610-258-6788, and they will forward your message to the Committee. The Committee meets every second Monday, 6:30 pm, at the Community Building to work on the planning. We welcome your help.

**TENTATIVE MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE:  
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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND POSTERS.**



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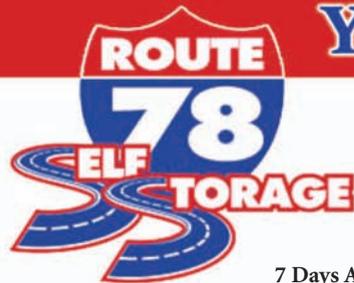
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# TOWNSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

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Michael Strawn

Director of Public Works  
Email: mstrawn@williamstwp.org

## State Police

Dial 911 for Emergencies  
610-759-6106 for non-emergencies

## Township Engineer

Tim Edinger

## Township Solicitor

Jonathan Reiss

## Sewage Enforcement Officer

Joseph Black  
610-258-6788

# BOY SCOUTS



Troop 31 is very excited to start our new adventures for Spring and Summer. We are preparing to welcome several new Scouts to our Troop and are excited to get them started on their Boy Scout Adventure. Beginning in May we will be helping to prepare our Resident Camp for the Summer Camping Season with a working weekend and are also planning on a nice hike. We have a lot of other activities planned throughout Spring and Summer that include Summer Camp at Settlers, White Water Rafting, mountain biking, and much more.

We are proud to announce that we had several Scouts earn the rank of Eagle Scout over the fall and winter months. Please congratulate Gunner G., Hunter S., and Tucker S. if you see them around. You can check out their projects at Mariton Wildlife Sanctuary, The Center for Animal Health and Welfare, and the senior patio at Wilson Area High School.

We will be assisting with the Memorial Day Ceremony this year so make sure you stop and say hello. Don't forget to come out and visit us at the Williams Township Fire Company Annual Carnival during the last week in July where we will be helping to run the Softball/Football toss stand.

We have several more Life Scouts working on their Eagle with projects planned throughout the Township so be on the lookout for great changes coming. Some places to look are, the LINC's Community Center, the Center for Animal Health and Welfare, and Stewartsville NJ Historic Ice House on 519.

Please do not forget to recycle. Our Scouts are at the Williams Township Recycling center on the 2nd Saturday of the month to help you unload your recycling.

I would like to thank all the Committee Members and Leaders of Troop 31 for the dedication and support throughout the year. The Troop meets every Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Donations will be accepted to Williams Township Troop 31 at 380 Durham Road Easton PA 18042, Scoutmaster Chuck Yeoman 610-252-3678.

  
**HOLIDAY MUNICIPAL OFFICE CLOSURES**  
**May 30, 2016 - Memorial Day**  
**July 4, 2016 - Independence Day**  
**September 5, 2016 - Labor Day**

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**ELECTION DAY**  
**April 26th**



Polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm. The Municipal Office will be closed on this day, but the Municipal Building will remain open for open district voters.



# EASTON EMERGENCY SQUAD

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## Fun In The Sun With The Easton Emergency Squad!

As spring and summer begin and we thaw out from the treacherous winter, Easton Emergency Squad is as ready and willing as ever to jump into action. Easton Emergency Squad is proud to share our record breaking years and improvements as we continue to provide Williams Township with the best possible care and service.

In January of this year, we welcomed 2087 to our fleet, a 2015 Ford Ambulance, who's purchase was made possible through the support and subscriptions of residents like you. With the new ambulance, our company has now grown to nine vehicles, helping us to exceed over 7000 requests for service in 2015 and expectations to exceed that in 2016.

With the warmer weather comes longer days, higher temperatures and more increased risk for sun exposure. Easton Emergency Squad urges you to remember to be safe and smart when outdoors with these summer safety tips:

- Stay out of the midday sun! The sun is at its strongest and most likely to burn between 10am and 4pm.
- Wear sunscreen every day! It is a myth that you cannot get burnt on cloudy days.
- Remember your sunglasses! Overexposure to ultraviolet rays raises the risk of developing cataracts or macular degeneration later on in life.
- Apply sunscreen often! Aim to reapply sunscreen every two hours or immediately after swimming. If you do plan on swimming, always look for water-resistant or water-proof sunscreens.
- Stay within sight of a lifeguard at any body of water! Always stay within a safe distance from help, especially at the beach.
- Stay hydrated! Keep drinking lots of water and avoid alcoholic beverages when in the sun. Drink non-carbonated water even if you are not that thirsty to help prevent dehydration.

Easton Emergency Squad thanks all of our residents for their never-ending support. We always look forward to hearing from our residents and encourage you to wave or come talk to us at local events or as we drive by your neighborhood. Look for 2017 subscription announcements and news from Easton Emergency Squad throughout the year!

## CLEAN SEPTIC TANKS

Homeowners should get in the habit of having their septic tank pumped on a routine basis - every two or three years. It may be possible to further enhance the effectiveness of your entire on-lot wastewater disposal system. Research at Penn State has indicated that your soil absorption system will benefit from periodic resting, which is a period during which no wastewater is added to the absorption area. To get the greatest benefit from pumping your septic tank, it is recommended that you have your septic tank pumped every two to three years on the day before you leave for summer vacation. This means the entire system, especially the soil absorption area, will have the opportunity to dry out and any partially decomposed organic water (biomat) that may have developed in the soil absorption area will quickly decompose in the absence of water.

Around the year 2000, the State required dual compartment septic tanks. These tanks give a much cleaner effluent and will extend the life of the drain field. If you have the old single septic tank, it would be most beneficial to have a filter installed on the outfall of the existing septic tank. There are many different filters available. These are washable, reusable filters and very economical to have installed compared to replacing a septic system.

I am always available to discuss any issues regarding your septic system.

*Joe Black, S.E.O.*



# Williams Township Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary

## 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All of the following events will be held at the Station #1 Firehouse, 2500 Morgan Hill Road, Easton, Pa.



**April 3, 2016 – ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET** – 8:00am to 12:00 Noon  
**Cost:** Adult \$8.00, Senior 62 and over \$7.00, Children ages 6-12 \$5.00, children under the age of 6 eat free!

**April 1-May 31, 2016 – HOAGIE SALE** (Park Avenue Market)  
\$6.00 per ticket - Call Bonnie at 610-258-6804

**July 25-30, 2016 – CARNIVAL WEEK** – Help support our Volunteer Fire Company, Come join the fun food, games, rides and music!

**August 1 – September 17, 2016 – MUM SALE!** – Pick up will be on September 24th – contact Tina 610-559-1289

**September 1 – October 31, 2016 – PASTIE SALE – MR. PASTIE**  
Pick up will be on November 17th,  
For ticket info call Marie at 610-737-0109

**September 25, 2016 – BASKET BINGO**  
Door open at 11:30am, Bingo starts at 12:30  
For ticket info call Dot at 610-252-2901, refreshments available



**October 2, 2016 – ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET** – 8:00am to 12:00 Noon  
**Cost:** Adult \$8.00, Senior 62 and over \$7.00, Children ages 6-12 \$5.00, children under the age of 6 eat free!

## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

### \*\* VACANCIES \*\*

The Williams Township Board of Supervisors is seeking individuals that are interested in serving on a Township Board or Committee. The Township is currently accepting letters of interest from residents to fill the following positions:

- ZONING HEARING BOARD ALTERNATE (1 VACANCY)
- PLANNING COMMISSION ALTERNATE (1 VACANCY)
- RECREATION BOARD (1 VACANCY)
- SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (2 VACANCIES)



*If you are interested in serving on one of the above boards or committees, please email your letter of interest to Jennifer Smethers at [jsmethers@williamstwp.org](mailto:jsmethers@williamstwp.org).*



# WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY ANNUAL CARNIVAL WEEK

**JULY 25th - 30th**

*Support Our Volunteer Fire Company!  
Come join the fun, games, rides and music!*



## SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

The Williams Township Summer Recreation Program will return for its 50th year! The program will start on June 20th and end July 29th. It runs daily from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Activities include arts and crafts, games and special guest presentations. Children who live in Williams Township or Glendon and are between the ages of 5 and 13, are welcome to sign up. The forms can be found online at [www.williamstwp.org](http://www.williamstwp.org) under "Announcements". Looking forward to another fun summer!



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

**JUNE 1ST**

**HOME RUN DERBY AT THE MUNICIPAL PARK**



**JUNE 20TH THROUGH JULY 29TH**

**SUMMER REC**



**JULY 23RD**

**MOVIES IN THE PARK AT DUSK**

**OCTOBER 8TH (RAIN DATE OCTOBER 15TH)**

**FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL**

### ANNUAL WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP BASEBALL TOURNAMENT



**6/16/16 - 6/19/16**

This annual tournament is a competitive event featuring the best teams from the region and a major fundraiser for the WTAA. We are still looking for committee members and volunteers to help during the tournament.

**Contact Tournament Co-Directors Roberto Benevides  
([benabrazil@gmail.com](mailto:benabrazil@gmail.com)) or Randy Meck  
([rjm7574@ptd.net](mailto:rjm7574@ptd.net)) for more information.**

# MARITON WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

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timburris@.natlands.org  
Visit the Web Log at [www.natlands.org](http://www.natlands.org).



## 2016 Spring/Summer Events Schedule

*Mariton Wildlife Sanctuary presents the following programs this spring and summer. All programs are free and open to the public, unless noted otherwise. PLEASE call ahead if you plan to attend at 610- 258-6574. Events may be cancelled due to inclement weather or lack of reservations.*

### **GARLIC MUSTARD REMOVAL**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

You can help us improve the health of Mariton's forest by removing Garlic Mustard. Studies have shown that removing garlic mustard promotes forest health. Do something positive in commemoration of Earth Day and Arbor Day.

### **TUESDAY MORNING BIRD WALKS**

**APRIL 26, MAY 3, 10, 17, 24, AND 31, 7:30 AM – NOON.**

We take field trips to new locations each week to bird, and enjoy nature. Guided by knowledgeable birders. We meet at Mariton to carpool. Call for each week's location. Bring binoculars. (We have loaners available.)

### **SPRING WILDFLOWER WALK**

**SATURDAY, MAY 7, 9:00 AM. – NOON.**

Mariton has some amazing wildflowers that will be in their prime at this time.

### **ANNUAL MIGRATORY BIRD CENSUS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 14, 7:30 AM. – NOON.**

Take a walk during the peak of the warbler migration while we census the birds at Mariton. Bring binoculars.

### **ANNUAL NESTING BIRD CENSUS**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 7:30 AM – NOON.**

We have been doing this count for over a quarter of a century! We will identify the birds most likely to nest at Mariton and be summer residents in our area. We usually tally about 45 species.

### **TUESDAY MORNING BUTTERFLY WALKS**

**JUNE 7, 14, 21, AND 28, 9:00 AM – NOON.**

Learn some of the local butterflies on these walks in the meadows. Species will differ slightly on each walk. Bring binoculars!

### **ANNUAL BUTTERFLY CENSUS**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 9:00 AM – NOON.**

Bring your binoculars and help us count the butterflies in the meadows.

# Williams Township Historical Society

Everyone is invited to join the WTHS and to attend our meetings.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 3 PM AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH OF MORGAN HILL.

Program features Civil War reenactors Kathy and Neil Coddington, who have amassed many historical references, personal anecdotes, military customs, and homefront activities that supported the military during this long and bloody war between the states, 1861-1865. They'll invite the audience to relate stories told by Williams Township Company F recruits. Contributions to the goodie table are always welcome.



Civil War reenactors



2015 Summer Picnic

## SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 6 PM. ANNUAL WTHS PICNIC AT THE TOWNSHIP PAVILION, 655 CIDER PRESS RD.

Attendees bring their own table settings and one dish to share (always good food because Williams Twp. has good cooks!). Program: Growing Up in Williams Township by the Women of Williams Township.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 3 PM, AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH OF MORGAN HILL.

Tentative program: Life as a Locktender on the Lehigh Canal.

## PLAYGROUND SAFETY

*A quick checklist for parents*

Place this list in a prominent area of your home for quick reference. Then, before your children head out the door for the playground, check that:

### Supervision is present, but strings and ropes aren't.

Adult presence is needed to watch for potential hazards, observe, intercede and facilitate play when necessary. Strings on clothing or ropes used for play can cause accidental strangulation if caught on equipment.

### All children play on Age-appropriate equipment.

Preschoolers, ages 2-5, and children ages 5-12, are developmentally different and need different equipment located in separate areas to keep the playground safe and fun for all.

### Falls to surface are cushioned.

Nearly 70 percent of all playground injuries are related to falls to the surface. Acceptable surfaces include hardwood fiber/mulch, pea gravel, sand and synthetic materials such as poured-in-place, rubber mats or tiles. Playgrounds surfaces should not be concrete, asphalt, grass, blacktop, packed dirt or rocks.

### Equipment is safe.

Check to make sure the equipment is anchored safely in the ground, all equipment pieces are in good working order, S-hooks are entirely closed, bolts are not protruding, there are no exposed footings, etc.



Checklist is from the National Program for Playground Safety (NPPS) at [www.uni.edu/playground/](http://www.uni.edu/playground/)

## NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

May 21st from 8:30am to 2:00pm

At the Northampton Community College Main Campus, Bethlehem Township PA  
For Northampton County residents only. Please bring ID or recent utility bill to verify residency.



### Waste accepted:

Adhesives, Aerosols, Antifreeze, Auto Fluids & cleaners, batteries, compressed gas, fluorescent light bulbs, flammables/combustibles, fire extinguishers, herbicides/pesticides, household cleaners, mercury-containing products, motor oil/filters, oil-based paint & stain, old gasoline/oil mixtures, pool chemicals, propane cylinders, thermometers, thermostats.

Recycling of residential scrap metal that is primarily metal including lawn furniture, yard equipment (oil, gas & batteries removed) major metal appliances (washer, dryers, stove) air conditioners & dehumidifiers etc accepted.

**TIRES** accepted with fee – check or cash only, \$2.00 per car tire (including rims) \$7.00 tractor-trailer tire, \$25.00 tractor tire

**NO** – Latex paint or stain, **NO** smoke detectors, **NO** medical waste, **NO** electronics accepted

Questions? Email Ken at [kzinis@northamptoncounty.org](mailto:kzinis@northamptoncounty.org) or call 610-829-6313

## TOWNSHIP WILL NO LONGER OFFER RECYCLING FOR BATTERIES



Williams Township can no longer accept batteries at our recycling center. It has come to our attention that our facility is not properly equipped to sort and store them for disposal! We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

Please check with local retailers in the area that may accept them such as Lowes, Home Depot, Staples, Best Buy, etc...

Thank you!

## CHRIN BROTHERS SANITARY LANDFILL EASTERN EXPANSION AND OVERLAY APPLICATION

Information regarding the Chrin Brothers Sanitary Landfill Eastern Expansion and Overlay Application may be found under "Announcements" on the township home webpage located at [www.williamstwp.org](http://www.williamstwp.org). A full copy of the application submitted to DEP is available for review at the township office by appointment.

## WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, May 21st • 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. • RAIN OR SHINE  
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Titan Mobile Shredding will be on site at the Public Works Building  
2540 Morgan Hill Road  
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Acceptable items include paper of any type or color, with staples and/or paper clips. Limit of 3 boxes per person. Documents will be shredded in front of you before you leave the parking lot.

**For more information, contact the municipal office at 610-258-6788!**



## CONSTITUENT SERVICES AVAILABLE IN REP. FREEMAN'S OFFICE

One of the most important aspects of Rep. Robert Freeman's job as your state representative is helping residents deal with state government. While he can't promise to solve every problem, Rep. Freeman and his staff will work to the best of their ability to find answers to your problems or concerns.

If you need help with or have questions about a state program, or just want some information on the many state services offered, stop by Rep. Freeman's office in Easton, at 215 Northampton St. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or you can call 610-253-5543.

He and his office staff can help you with financial assistance for higher education, unemployment compensation, Property Tax/Rent Rebates for eligible seniors, those with disabilities, or widows and widowers, prescription-drug assistance for senior citizens, the Children's Health Insurance Program and more.

Visit Rep. Freeman's website, [www.pahouse.com/freeman](http://www.pahouse.com/freeman), which contains information on his legislative activities, as well as an online request form for constituent services. Using the form, you can ask for free brochures, state maps, a voter registration form, an absentee ballot application and other helpful booklets.



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### Governor, Tom Wolf (D)

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Easton, PA 18042  
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Bethlehem Office  
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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/lisa.boscola](http://www.facebook.com/lisa.boscola)  
Twitter: @senLisaBoscola  
<http://www.SenatorBoscola.com/>

### State Representative, Robert Freeman (D)

136th State Legislative District  
215 Northampton Street  
Easton, PA 18042  
Phone: 610-253-5543

### US Representative, Charlie Dent (R)

15th Congressional District  
701 W. Broad Street, Suite 200  
Bethlehem, PA 18018  
Phone: 610-861-9734  
Fax: 610-861-9308  
<http://www.dent.house.gov/>

### US Senator, Pat Toomey (R)

1150 S. Cedar Crest Blvd  
Suite 101  
Allentown, PA 18103  
Phone: 610-434-1444  
Fax: 610-434-1844

### US Senator, Robert Casey Jr. (D)

840 Hamilton Street, Suite 301  
Allentown, PA 18101  
Phone: 610-782-9470  
Fax: 610-782-9474

## EMS SERVICE PROPOSAL



The Township Supervisors are seeking comments from residents regarding whether or not the township should partner with Easton Emergency Squad to reopen the EMS building in Raubsville. A copy of the proposal for services and the cost may be found on the home page of

the township website under announcements at [www.williamstwp.org](http://www.williamstwp.org). Please send any comments you may have to Jennifer Smethers, Township Manager, at [jsmethers@williamstwp.org](mailto:jsmethers@williamstwp.org) by May 1st.

## Tax Office

There will be Tax Office hours 12:00-3:00 on the following days:

March 30 – **Twp R.E. Discount Amount due 4/6/16**

April 5 & 6 – **Twp R.E. Discount Amount due 4/6/16**

June 8 – **Twp R.E. Base Amount due 6/8/16**

There is a 24 hour drop box at the Municipal Office Building, located to the left of the front doors. If you have any tax questions, please call Jacqueline Warner at 484-541-1056.



## *Thank You To The Businesses*

The Board of Supervisors would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. For it is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents. The Township would like to further request that citizens, in response, patronize these businesses first when given a choice as these businesses are saving each citizen tax dollars.



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## WHAT EXACTLY IS A RAIN BARREL?

A rain barrel is a system that collects and stores rain water from your roof that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains, streams, and eventually the Delaware River watershed.

A rain barrel is constructed using a reused 55 gallon food grade barrel, a bottom drain, a spigot, an overflow screen to keep debris and insects out, and a downspout diverter to carry the water into the rain barrel.

A rain barrel is a relatively simple and inexpensive way to capture and store rain water for use at later times. It conveniently sits under residential gutter downspouts from your home, garage, and/or shed.

## BENEFITS OF USING A RAIN BARREL

Lawn and garden watering can take up a large percentage or total percentage of total household water use during the summer months. A rain barrel collects water and stores it for when you need it most, during periods of drought! A rain barrel provides an ample supply of FREE water for flowers, gardens, lawns, and even car washing!

A rain barrel can conserve water and save YOU money during peak summer months. Conserving water helps protect the environment, saves energy (decreased demand for treated tap water and well water) and decreases the impact of runoff to streams and the Delaware River. Therefore by installing a rain barrel YOU can help protect the water quality, aquatic species, drinking water quality, and recreation in the Delaware River watershed.

## RAIN BARRELS A Stormmaker Solution to Non-Point Source Pollution



*A rain barrel is a rainwater collection system that stores rooftop runoff that can be used for irrigating flowers, gardens, and lawns, while conserving water, and saving YOU money!*

## Stormwater

Typically, rain water runoff is collected in storm sewer systems and released directly into streams. This direct runoff can contribute to flooding in developed areas that can contain a lot of impervious surfaces including roofs, sidewalks, and parking lots.

This runoff carries with it pollutants that contribute to poor water quality that can affect the health of local waterways and even your drinking water. These issues are of particular importance in highly developed areas as more impervious surfaces cause more runoff during a rain or snow event.

When you collect rain water that would otherwise enter the storm sewer system, you are helping to minimize the amount of storm water that will directly run off into streams!

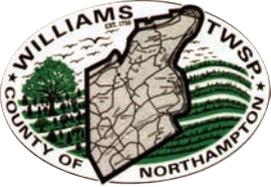


A rain barrel is a good start to get homeowners thinking about water conservation. Rain barrels conserve water runoff and control runoff, and can give you a good idea about the large amounts of stormwater that is shed from impervious surfaces.

Because plants thrive on natural rain water (no chlorine, ammonia, fluoride, or other chemicals), the rainwater collected and stored in rain barrels is ideal for watering lawns and gardens.

A formula to remember: 1 inch of rain on a 1,000 sq. ft. roof yields 623 gallons of water. Calculate the yield of your roof by multiplying the square footage of your roof by 623 and divide by 1,000.

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