

RAIN BARREL DECORATING COMPETITION

Competitive Exhibits office 716-649-3900 ext. 6407

ONLINE ENTRY STARTS JUNE 1ST 2021

ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY JULY 16, 2021

Entry Fee: \$15 fee allows for unlimited entries throughout department (unless otherwise specifically noted). Fee includes one (1) promo code for an admission ticket to the fair, parking included.

Entry Arrival: Tuesday, July 27th between 12:00 Noon and 6:00 PM, Wednesday, July 28th between 12:00 Noon and 6:00 PM OR Thursday, July 29th between 12:00 Noon and 8:00 PM

Entry Removal: Tuesday, August 24th between 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Prize Checks: Tuesday, August 17th – Sunday, August 22nd between 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Rain barrels are above ground storage containers designed to capture rainwater for reuse. They reduce the rainwater runoff that is polluting our waterways with fertilizers and pesticides. Placing a rain barrel under your gutter's downspout lets you collect the runoff from your roof. From a spigot near the bottom of the barrel, you can hook up a garden hose, open the valve, and use the water for a wide variety of applications. Many homeowners rely on harvested rainwater to water their lawns, nourish their plants and gardens and to wash their cars! This steady supply of free water may even help you save money on your water bill. Rain barrels save the average homeowner about 1,300 gallons of water during peak summer months!

Rain Barrell Entries will be on display in our Urban Farming Trail!

Rain Barrel Competition Rules

1. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair rules and regulations.
2. Anyone who is over 13 years old is eligible to enter this contest.
3. Designs must be entirely original and the sole art work of the entrant.
4. Entrants can decorate a purchased rain barrel or build their own out of a recycled plastic barrel.
5. **Rain barrel décor must include at least one educational fact about the benefits of a rain barrel or water conservation.**
6. All entries must be dry and ready for display.
7. Maximum size of a 55-gallon barrel.
8. Only plastic barrels will be accepted, no metal or wooden barrels.
9. Rain barrels will not be used during the competition or connected to a downspout.
10. There will be a limit of 10 entries in this contest.

Judging Criteria:

Innovation & Originality
Degree of Detail
Visual Presentation
Education & Creativity

Example:



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Premiums: 1st place \$15, 2nd place \$10, 3rd place \$8

Class #1 – Decorated Rain Barrel

Erie County Fair Dates: August 11-22, 2021