Call to Artists and Sponsors: ORF Rain Barrels

Since 2014, the City of Delaware has organized the Olentangy River Festival (formerly the NOW Festival) which highlights our local watershed resources. The festival includes education booths from various environmental organizations, water activities, raffle prizes, food vendors, live music, and more. *This summer, the 13th Annual Olentangy River Festival will take place on June 6th at Mingo Park (500 E. Lincoln Ave. Delaware, OH) from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.*

Why Participate? Rain barrels have become increasingly popular. As a community, we can increase this popularity by making them more visually appealing. Rain barrels provide many stormwater benefits including:

- Reduction of stormwater runoff
- A free and sustainable source of water for gardening
- Reduction of harmful pollutants being carried into our waterways
- Reduction of ponding and flooding
- Reduction of water bill costs

Sponsorship: Businesses, organizations, and individuals have the opportunity to sponsor a rain barrel for $30. The sponsorship offsets the cost of the installation kit provided with each rain barrel.

Rain barrels can be both sponsored and painted by the same entity. The barrels will be raffled off at the River Fest on June 6th at Mingo Park, and proceeds will go to the Olentangy Watershed Alliance (OWA), a non-profit group dedicated to enhancing and preserving the Upper Olentangy River Watershed. Raffle ticket sales will begin at the River Fest at 12 p.m. and end at approximately 2:30 p.m. with the winning tickets to be drawn shortly after.



Artists: If you choose to decorate a Rain Barrel, there are a limited number of barrels available for this opportunity. Once that limit has been reached or the deadline for ordering has been reached, the barrels will be distributed to the artists.

Rain barrels will be available for pick up starting April 14th.

Please Note: You will need to use outdoor acrylic paint (paint that is bought for painting the outside of houses, outdoor fencing, etc.).

Returning your Decorated Rain Barrel: The rain barrels will need to be decorated and returned by **May 15th**. Once decorated, you can put them on display at your home or business leading up to this date. **All painted barrels will need to be at the City of Delaware's Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility (225 Cherry St., Delaware, OH) before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 15th.**

Recap of dates and deadlines:

- **Tuesday April 14th, 2026:** Rain barrels available for pick-up or delivery
- **Friday, April 24th, 2026: Final Call** for Sponsorship/Artists Applications and Sponsorship fees
- **Friday, May 15th, 2026:** Painted rain barrels must be completed and returned. *(PLEASE REMEMBER to notify the Watershed Coordinator when finished to arrange a time for you to return yours.)*
- **Saturday, June 6th, 2026:** Olentangy River Festival and rain barrel raffle!

NEXT STEPS: Please complete and return the form below. Send your completed forms to Lisa Roberts, Watershed & Sustainability Coordinator, City of Delaware lroberts@cityofdelawareoh.gov

If you have any questions, you can call me directly at 740-203-1905.

Thank you for your support!

Rain Barrel Form 2026

We would like to:

□ Decorate a Rain Barrel □ Sponsor a Rain Barrel □ We will Decorate AND Sponsor

FOR ARTISTS:

Name(s) of Rain Barrel Artist(s)_____

Will You also Sponsor your Rain Barrel? Y/N If Yes, see FOR SPONSORS below

Address _____

Email_____

Phone Number(s)_____

We would like to name the Rain Barrel(s) ourselves Y/N*

Please List the Name of your Rain Barrel(s) _____

**If you do not choose to name the barrel, our committee will name your work of art.*

Please Note: The completed rain barrel will need to be returned to the City of Delaware's Wastewater Treatment Facility (225 Cherry St., Delaware, Ohio) **prior to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 15th**.

FOR SPONSORS: The cost to sponsor a decorated rain barrel and installation kit is $30/each. The sponsorship of the rain barrel and installation kit are non-refundable. ***Checks can be made out to "City of Delaware" and must accompany this form.***

Name of Sponsor: _____

Total Number of Rain Barrels you will be sponsoring: _____

Mail Checks To:

City of Delaware
Attn: Lisa Roberts/Watershed & Sustainability Coordinator
225 Cherry Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

By signing this form, the organization agrees to all the terms and conditions stated on this form and the information handout. This form must be signed in order to process your request. – Thank you!