

## Rain Barrel Maintenance Agreement

### Boy Scouts / Friends of Cabin John Creek Grant Project

**Rain barrels require basic maintenance:**

- Empty the barrel between rain events
- Regularly check the overflow area for clogs or other problems that could prevent water from flowing freely
- Keep gutters clean
- Remove leaves and other debris from the screen at the top of the barrel
- Periodically clean the barrel
- Check for leaks
- Ensure the filter screen is intact and securely fastened to keep out mosquitoes and mosquito eggs
- The use of mosquito dunks in the barrel is highly recommended (to kill mosquito larvae)

Unless the rain barrel is made of a material specifically designed for freezing temperatures, it should be disconnected during the winter to avoid damage. Before the season's first frost, disconnect the rain barrel from your downspouts, empty the barrel, wash out the barrel, and store it upside down in a protected location. We recommend that the piece of downspout that was removed be saved and reconnected with a suitable fastener for the winter, or use an in-line diverter. Hook up the barrel in mid-April and disconnect it in mid-November. **Also remember to open the rain barrel spigot if you expect to be away from your home for an extended period of time.**

**I acknowledge I have received and read the maintenance text.**

**In accepting and using this rain barrel, the homeowner accepts full responsibility and liability for this equipment and any consequences of its installation and use.**

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Name (Print)

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Signature

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Date