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To: Chair and Members of the Parks and Environment Committee

Re: Rain Barrels at City Environment Days

From: Councillor Sarah Doucette

The sale of rain barrels at City Environment days was stopped after the Voluntary Downspout Disconnection Program was discontinued and replaced with the Mandatory Disconnection program. Residents are now encouraged to purchase rain barrels from retail outlets in order to conserve water and to reduce the volume of rainwater in the sewage system. To encourage residents to disconnect their downspouts properly and promptly the city should make a rain barrel purchase as easy as possible, therefore I ask that the Parks and Environment Committee:

1. Request city staff to report on the City offering rain barrels at all the city's Environment Days in 2015.
2. Request staff report on allowing not for profit groups to offer rain barrels for sale as a fundraiser at Environment Days.
3. Report back to Parks and Environment Committee by August 15, 2014.

Thank you.

Regards,



Sarah Doucette