



# TOWN OF KITTERY, MAINE

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## PRESS RELEASE

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*Optional Photos:*



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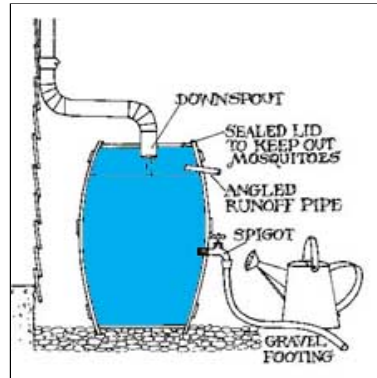


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## Gundalow to Deliver Rain Barrels

Written by GOseacoast Top Events



Why waste more water? If you live in Kittery or Eliot you can move one more step toward independence and save the watershed too. Capture rain to water your victory garden or lawn and save \$75 by signing up for this unique program. It looks like a very good idea. Will other cities join in? Step back into the past to save the future.

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Kittery, Maine

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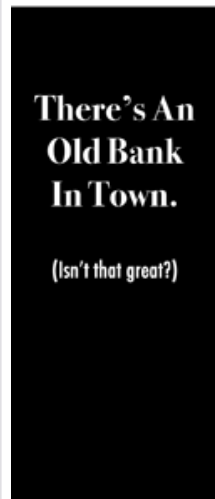
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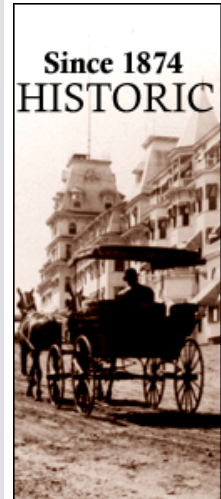
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## Rain barrels can save water and cash

By **Dave Choate**

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KITTERY, Maine — Can saving water be a barrel of fun?

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Paula Ledgett, who is working on the SCWIP, said education of the public about the current condition of Spruce Creek is one of the driving factors in the rain barrel effort.

"All of this is happening because we are trying to call attention to water quality issues in Spruce Creek," she said.

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Ledgett said catching run-off can also help to limit erosion to property during rainy times.

The rain barrels are made from 60-gallon recycled food grade barrels and are set to be available in a variety of colors, according to the Spruce Creek Association.

SCWIP and the Gundalow Company are taking orders through the first of May and the scheduled pick-up day is on May 16 at the Kittery Point Town Pier, 90 Pepperell Road, behind the now-closed Frisbee's Market and Cap'n Simeon's Galley restaurant from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The barrels will be delivered and then unloaded by the Gundalow Company on its replica cargo ship. Visitors can board the gundalow and learn how they carried freight between ocean-going schooners and navigated shallow rivers in the area to the growing towns in the region.

### Details

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