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## **WEST BASIN KICKS OFF ANNUAL WINTER RAIN BARREL GIVEAWAYS TO DISTRICT RESIDENTS**

*Now accepting registrations for South Bay distribution events*

**CARSON, Calif.** – West Basin Municipal Water District is hosting a series of distribution events to give away free rain barrels to qualified District residents. The 55-gallon eco-friendly rain barrels help residents collect rainwater to use for landscaping and prevent runoff to storm drains.

The first distribution event in the program series took place in Malibu on Saturday, November 2. Additional distribution events will be offered throughout the South Bay through spring 2020. The remaining event dates are scheduled for November in Carson, January in El Segundo, and February in Hermosa Beach, with upcoming dates for Gardena and Inglewood soon to be announced. All events are scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and end at 11 a.m.

“West Basin is proud to empower local residents to conserve water using innovative methods including rain barrels,” said West Basin Board President Scott Houston. “The District is happy to offer this popular free program every year that helps our residents save water and do their part to reduce stormwater runoff.”

West Basin’s rain barrel distribution series is part of a District-wide water conservation program that launched in 2014. Since its inception, the program has helped the District to conserve more than 167 billion gallons of water through the distribution of more than 300,000 water-saving devices. Each of the District’s water conservation programs allows businesses and residents throughout its service area to take an everyday approach to water savings. West Basin has given away more than 6,000 free rain barrels to local residents, valued at approximately \$50 per unit.

For the full list of event dates, locations, eligibility guidelines, and to RSVP for the event closest to you, please visit [www.westbasin.org/rainbarrels](http://www.westbasin.org/rainbarrels) or call (310) 371-4633. Registration is required. Rain barrels will be distributed on a first come, first served basis and pre-registration does not guarantee a rain barrel. West Basin residents are eligible to attend any event, and must install rain barrels within 30 days or they may be charged the cost of the rain barrel.

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*West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) is a wholesale water agency that serves nearly one million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County. West Basin provides imported drinking water, recycled water, and conservation and education programs. Through its Water for Tomorrow Program, West Basin is committed to protecting, diversifying, and securing our water supply for the future while continuing a history of innovation and industry leadership. Visit [www.westbasin.org](http://www.westbasin.org) to learn more.*