



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

*Environmental Sustainability Division*

**m e m o r a n d u m**

**TO:** Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing and Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Scott R. Tess, Environmental Sustainability Manager  
**DATE:** June 3, 2013  
**SUBJECT:** Rain Barrel and Compost Bin Truck Sale

---

**Background**

The City of Urbana hosted a one-day Rain Barrel and Compost Bin Truck Sale in the parking lot North of the Urbana City Building on May 25, 2013. The purpose of this sale was to engage residents to reduce potable water use by capturing stormwater with rain barrels for application on landscaping and to reduce the amount of landfilled waste by composting food scrap and landscape trimmings with a compost bin creating a soil amendment for application on landscaping.

**Results**

Rain Barrels-450 total  
209-pre-sold  
241-sold on site- Saturday

Compost Bins-173 total  
80-pre-sold  
93-sold on site-Saturday

At present, residency was only available for onsite sales. City of Urbana and City of Champaign residents constituted the bulk of the purchasers. The number of Urbana and Champaign purchasers was nearly equivalent.

Attachments:

cc: