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<i>COUNCIL AGENDA</i>	
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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 27, 2026
 To: Council
 From: Trevor Doré, Policy and Programs Planner
 Subject: **2026 Rain Barrel Sale Event**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council Memorandum regarding “2026 Rain Barrel Sale Event”, dated April 27, 2026, from the Policy and Programs Planner, be received for information.

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform Council of a North Shore rain barrel pre-sale event, in partnership with the District of North Vancouver and the City of North Vancouver. Residents of the three North Shore municipalities may purchase rain barrels for \$75 through an online pre-sale from April 20 to May 15, 2026, with pickup on May 30, 2026, at Lynn Canyon Park.

Applicable Legislation:

Metro Vancouver Drinking Water Conservation Plan, November 2021, which provides the regional framework for managing drinking water use during periods of high demand, water shortages, and emergencies.

Council Strategic Objectives/Official Community Plan:

Official Community Plan (OCP)

Section 2.5 of the 2018 OCP outlined an emerging issue described as a “Less predictable water supply, increasing the importance of demand management and water conservation strategies”.

OCP policies to achieve this include:

2.5.7 Encourage use of development practices, landscape designs and built systems that reduce water demand and consumption.

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2.5.8 Encourage water conservation through leak detection, water-metering and communitywide education programs.

Council Strategic Objectives

This memo aligns with the Environment and Climate Change goals in Council's Strategic Objectives.

Financial Implications:

There are no direct financial implications for the District beyond staff time. Residents will purchase rain barrels directly from the supplier through the online ordering system, minimizing financial risk to the District. Staff coordination, communications, and event setup will be managed within existing departmental operating budgets.

Analysis:

Metro Vancouver residents use significant amounts of drinking water each day and outdoor watering increases demand during the summer months. Although the region receives substantial rainfall in winter, changing climate patterns are contributing to more frequent summer drought conditions and increasing pressure on water supplies. Rain barrels allow residents to capture rainwater for outdoor use, reducing demand on treated drinking water and helping to reduce stormwater runoff.

The District is partnering with the District of North Vancouver and the City of North Vancouver to deliver a rain barrel pre-sale event. The initiative has been promoted through municipal websites, social media, and paid advertising in the North Shore News. North Shore residents may pre-order rain barrels online from April 20 to May 15, 2026, and pick them up on May 30, 2026, at Lynn Canyon Park.

This initiative supports water conservation and climate and sustainability objectives by encouraging residents to adopt simple measures that reduce outdoor potable water use. It also helps build awareness of seasonal water restrictions and promotes practical household actions that support climate resilience.

Options:

THAT the Council Memorandum regarding "2026 Rain Barrel Sale Event", dated April 27, 2026, from the Policy and Programs Planner, be received for information.

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