



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** City of Urbana Sustainability Advisory Commission  
**FROM:** Scott R. Tess, Sustainability & Resilience Officer  
**DATE:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020  
**RE:** Staff Report

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### **Green Infrastructure**

Staff has accepted a proposal for a bulk rain barrel and compost bin sale and converted that sale to all online orders with delivery only beginning the week of May 26th, 2020 and continuing until completed. Contact [info@RainBarrelFundraising.com](mailto:info@RainBarrelFundraising.com) with any questions and visit [www.rainbarrelfundraising.com/urbana](http://www.rainbarrelfundraising.com/urbana) to make a purchase.

Home delivery is available within Champaign County. At this time, this sale is accepting prepaid orders only. There is a \$10 fee for accessories when purchased without a rain barrel or composter. Regularly priced items with no purchasing limits for all residents and non-residents:

- Rain Barrels - \$54 which includes delivery
- Composters - \$54 which includes delivery

Incentives for Urbana and Champaign residents are available.

### **Landfill Solar Development**

City Council and the Champaign Urbana Solid Waste Disposal System have approved a landfill solar lease for two low income community solar projects. The vendor will now advance construction design and subscription recruitment.

### **Landscape Recycling Center (LRC)**

The LRC has reopened on a credit card only basis. Residents are encouraged to place delivery orders to further reduce contact during the stay at home order.

### **Solar Urbana-Champaign**

The local advisory commission and the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) have selected Straight Up Solar to perform installations for Solar UC 5.0. MREA is planning to launch this year's solar power hours as online only events at least as long as the stay at home order remains in place. Information will be made available at [solarurbanachampaign.com](http://solarurbanachampaign.com).

### **Additional Public Engagement**

Staff supported county-wide Earth Day and Arbor Day public engagement:

- Opened the rain barrel and compost bin sale.
- A virtual Arbor Day Celebration including footage of people with their favorite tree, a tree planting at Wiley Elementary School, and remarks from the Mayor.
- Shared the I'm For Water pledge organized by US EPA to help use less water year round.
- Promoted natural lawn care and Midwest Grows Green.

- Promoted stormwater utility incentives for green infrastructure.

**Next Sustainability Advisory Commission Meeting**

June 2 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.