

**Become more Self- Sufficient on May 19 Monday 6:00 pm in Taft (Lincoln City)**

NOAA is predicting that temperatures will exceed the norm this spring and summer, and we may be hotter and drier than ever before. California is already dying of thirst, experiencing the worst-ever drought in the state's history.

California provides America with over half the nation's produce. It's a \$45+ billion dollar business. With signs of the super-drought coming, many farmers delayed planting crops this year, and some have given up altogether. With fuel costs skyrocketing and the odds of seeds not surviving the brutal dry heat, many California farmers have decided it is not worth the hassle to even try.

Over half a million acres won't even be planted this year. Even with promised help and aid from the government, nothing can make water fall from the sky. California not only supplies America with tons of produce, but they also are responsible for a large portion of the nation's grain and meat supply.

Less food coming out of California means higher – much higher – food prices for us all. And that will be felt across the board. If you want to lessen the pain in your wallet, you will need to grow some of your own food this year.

You can't just throw some seeds in the ground and hope to grow everything you'll need to feed your family. Gardening can be hard work. With the TomatoBarrel it is lot easier.

**Free Workshop**

A Free hands-on workshop is offered on May 19 Monday 6:00 pm. Take home a TomatoBarrel for only the cost of material



***Tomatoes Plants over 8 feet tall!!***

The TomatoBarrel is portable and uses the heat storing capacity of its water reservoir. This enables a longer growing season and minimal need for watering. Tomato production on the Oregon Coast is hard because of the large amount of cold Oregon rain.

The containers are mobile and can sit anywhere – on a deck, in a yard, on a sidewalk – they can be easily located in the sunniest area throughout the season. Since they are not in contact with the ground they stay warmer. There are 22 gallons of water stored in the bottom. They also only need to have water replenished about once a week.

**TomatoBarrel Secret is - Wicking.**

Wicking is a way of growing plants in which water is wicked up from a water reservoir. The TomatoBarrel© has a 22 gallons water reservoir and 32 gallons of growing space.

The major advantages of the wicking are:

1. You do not have to water every day. You can fill the water reservoir when it is needed.
2. Water usage is reduced by up to 50% over conventional watering.
3. Evaporation of water is significantly reduced.
4. Rain harvesting techniques can be used which means water at no cost.
5. Improve soil quality when worms are introduced.
6. Significant increase in production

**Workshop Location**

The workshop will be at 6349 S Highway 101 Lincoln City, OR 97367. It is just south and next to ProBuilders on the same side of the Hwy 101. Since parking is VERY limited at the workshop, park in the ProBuilders parking lot and walk next door.

This Workshop is sponsored by the Lincoln County Self- Sufficiency Network. The Network is devoted to provide information on how to be self-sufficiency during a long term disaster, such as a Tsunami.

To obtain more information on the Lincoln County Self- Sufficiency Network email: [premiere.mr@gmail.com](mailto:premiere.mr@gmail.com)

# Container Gardening

## TomatoBarrel Secret Wicking Material

The secret of the TomatoBarrel is the wicking material. TomatoBarrel growing varies significantly from traditional in-ground in several areas. Unlike conventional soil where worms and other insects provide “channels” for natural aeration, the growing media in TomatoBarrel requires a loose, porous mix to replicate the aeration process with the right nutrients.

## Our Wicking Material

A TomatoBarrel requires a lot of material (32 gallons).

You will be given instructions of materials you can purchase at local garden shops.

OR

You may purchase our Wicking Material., take home 32 gallons of it for only the cost of material, (approx \$30). Our Wicking Material consists of:

22 gallons bark fines

5 gallons coir

5 gallons perlite

2 cups Controlled Release Fertilizer  
(It includes Dolomitic (garden) lime)\*

*We mix our own Controlled Release Fertilizer.*

## RVSP Required for Workshop

To register for Workshop, or, if want to schedule a free workshop for 6 or more participants, please contact:

[info@TomatoBarrel.com](mailto:info@TomatoBarrel.com) 541-921-7007

## Free TomatoBarrel Building Workshop

This Workshop is sponsored by the Lincoln County Self- Sufficiency Network.

Youth, their parents and all interested adult community members are invited to participate in a free 2-hour workshop. If you want to participant in building a TomatoBarrel bring an electric drill. . All materials and tools are provided.

Six (6) TomatoBarrels will be built at the workshop. Any 4-H youth or any youth wanting to join 4-H that attends and participates in the workshop can take home the barrel at no charge. Leftover TomatoBarrels may be purchased for only the cost of material, (approx \$35). If there is a demand for more that TomatoBarrels than six (6), then only people who bring electric drills will be eligible for a drawing for the remainder barrels.

Normally barrels are white, blue or black.



They can be painted to look like a wooden barrel or other designs.



Printed instructions on how to paint your barrel will be given at the Workshop



# TomatoBarrels