

Roll Out the Barrels: Master Gardeners to Hold September 26 Rain Barrel Workshop in San Angelo

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SAN ANGELO - Looking for a rain barrel? The Concho Valley Master Gardeners want to show you how to make your own during the Rain Barrel Workshop set for 9:30 a.m. September 26 at the Tom Green 4-H Building located at 3168 N. U.S. Highway 67.

Allison Watkins, Texas AgriLife Extension Service horticulturist in Tom Green County, said participants will assemble and take home a 55-gallon rain barrel for water collection.

“Many people are surprised at the amount of water they can collect off of a small roof, even in our low rainfall area,” she said.

“Capturing your own rainwater can help save on your water bill, helps out the environment, is a good source of clean water that is healthy for plants and can even be used in the home,” Watkins said. “Rainwater harvesting is very underutilized, but it’s easy to learn and anyone can do it.”

Bryan Davis, AgriLife Extension agent in Bexar County, will be the instructor for the workshop.

The workshop is being sponsored by the City of San Angelo in cooperation with AgriLife Extension.

Individual pre-registration by September 23 is \$36 and covers the cost of the barrel and other materials. Pre-registration is required since the number of barrels is limited. Participants are responsible for transporting their barrels home.

To register or for more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Tom Green County at 325-659-6522.

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