



ABOUT US

OUR PURPOSE

The LPGCD is the state's preferred method of groundwater management in the Bastrop and Lee Counties. Per Texas Water Code Section 36.0015, LPGCD is to manage groundwater by balancing all property interests and providing for the preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of groundwater.

Under Texas Water Code Section 36.1071, LPGCD must develop a groundwater management plan providing management goals to help the district meet that purpose.

We are mandated by the state, per Texas Water Code Section 35.012, to provide educational programs to the public relating to the problems and issues concerning water management.

WE' RE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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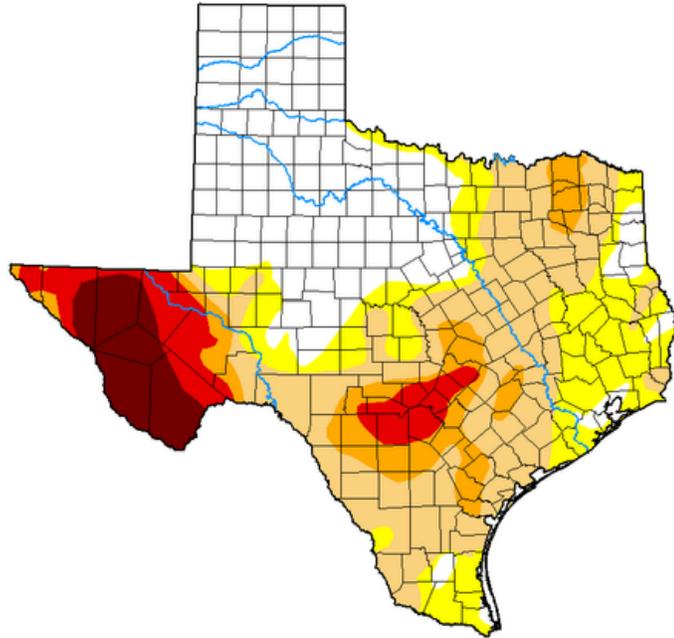
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DRIEST OCTOBER IN OVER A CENTURY FOR BASTROP AND LEE COUNTIES

October 2024 was the driest October in 130 years for Bastrop and Lee Counties, with virtually no measurable rainfall. This extreme dryness mirrored broader trends of low precipitation and high temperatures across Texas and much of the U.S

(https://texaswaternewsroom.org/videos/water_and_weather_for_october_2024.html). Over 70 weather stations nationwide reported their lowest October rainfall totals on record, driven by prolonged high-pressure systems suppressing rainfall

(<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/153526/drought-expands-across-the-us>).

The sudden onset of these conditions is an example of a "flash drought," marked by rapid, severe dryness caused by low rainfall, high temperatures, and dry winds that accelerate evaporation (<https://www.drought.gov/what-is-drought/flash-drought/>) Flash droughts, fueled partly by climate change, have become more frequent and intense in recent decades (<https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/science.abn6301>).

For Bastrop and Lee Counties, these trends highlight the importance of water conservation, drought education, and proactive resource management. Residents can learn more about drought monitoring and sustainable practices at the National Drought Mitigation Center or the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District website: www.lostpineswater.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 18th - LPGCD Public District Meeting, LPGCD Office, 3:30 pm
December 24th - Christmas Eve, CLOSED
December 25th - Christmas Day, CLOSED
December 26th - CLOSED
December 27th - By Appointment Only
December 30th - By Appointment Only
December 31st - New Years Ever, CLOSED
January 1st - New Years Day, CLOSED

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District is governed locally by ten citizens, (five from each county) who have been appointed by their respective County Commissioners Courts to serve as directors for a term of four years.

- Elvis Hernandez, President
- Kathryn Rogers, Vice President
- Michael Simmang, Secretary/Treasurer
- Sheril Smith
- Melissa Cole
- Tom Arsuffi
- Nick Textor
- Herbert Cook
- Nancci Phillips-Burgess
- Debra Phillips



SAVE WATER, SAVE MONEY: HARVEST RAINWATER

As the new year approaches, it's the perfect time to explore practical ways to conserve water and save money. One simple yet impactful idea? Start harvesting rainwater for your garden! Rainwater harvesting is a sustainable, cost-effective way to provide your garden with pure water, straight from the sky. It eases the strain on local water supplies, **particularly during dry spells and flash droughts**, and can reduce your water bill over time. Best of all, your plants will thrive with this fresh, natural resource!

A basic rainwater harvesting setup is easy to create with just a few key materials:

- A food-grade barrel (55 gallons is ideal).
- A mesh screen to keep out leaves, debris, and insects.
- A sturdy base, like cinder blocks, to elevate the barrel for easy access and better water flow.
- An overflow valve to divert excess water away from your home's foundation.

Position the barrel under a downspout from your roof, and you're ready to start collecting! If you want to go the extra mile, consider connecting eco-friendly hoses or drip lines to make watering even more convenient.

Join Us for a Hands-On Workshop

Get started on your rainwater harvesting journey with our Rainwater Harvesting Workshop on Saturday, January 25th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM(ish) at Lee County AgriLife Office. The workshop is BYOB—Bring Your Own Barrel! We'll provide the tools and guidance to transform it into a fully functional system.

Space is limited, so RSVP to (979) 542-2753 by January 10th.

Don't miss out on this and other exciting programs! Follow us on social media [@LostPinesGCD](#) for updates on workshops, events, and sustainable water practices.

As you set your New Year's resolutions, why not commit to conserving water and reducing household costs? Rainwater harvesting is a simple, impactful step toward a more sustainable lifestyle—and your garden will thank you!

