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RAINWATER HARVESTING 101

Learn How to Capture and Conserve Water in Your Garden

[GIDDINGS, TX | April 30, 2025] – The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District (LPGCD) and Giddings Nursery and Garden Center are partnering to present Rainwater Harvesting 101, a free public workshop designed to help local residents embrace simple, sustainable ways to collect and conserve water in their own backyards.

The event will be held on Monday, May 13th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the Giddings Nursery and Garden Center.

Attendees will learn the benefits of rainwater harvesting, practical ways to collect and use rainwater at home, and how to select native and drought-tolerant plants that thrive with less water.

Sterling Johnson, a Texas Master Naturalist with a passion for gardening and sustainable water use, will walk participants through simple, effective ways to harvest rainwater and reduce outdoor water demand. Claire Marks, Education and Outreach Coordinator for LPGCD, will introduce the District’s new Rainwater Harvesting Rebate Program. This initiative provides \$1 per gallon of rainwater storage capacity, up to \$5,000, to encourage the installation of rainwater collection systems.

“This rebate program is a great opportunity for residents to take action and get rewarded for making sustainable water choices,” said Marks. “Even small systems can make a meaningful difference for our groundwater resources.”

Whether you're an experienced gardener or just beginning to explore conservation practices, this session will offer valuable knowledge and inspiration for creating a water-wise garden.

This event is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

ABOUT THE LOST PINES GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District is dedicated to the protection and conservation of groundwater resources in Bastrop and Lee Counties. Through educational programs, community outreach, and strategic resource management, the District strives to ensure sustainable water supplies for current and future generations.

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