Texas Water Star Program

Earth-Kind® Landscape School
A Four-Part Series for Homeowners

Starts: September 6, 2014
Saturday, 8:30-12:00
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 208
San Antonio, TX 78230

David Rodriguez, County Extension Agent-Horticulturist, Troy Luepke, Program Coordinator, Water and Natural Resources, and Bexar County Master Gardeners are presenting a four part workshop that will target new homeowners in the Alamo area interested in learning the best practices for home landscaping and gardening.

Earth-Kind® uses research-proven techniques: to provide maximum garden and landscape production; to combine the best of natural/organic and conventional/traditional principles; and, to create a system based on real world effectiveness and environmental responsibility.

Sep 6—Water Conservation: Soil Prep, Drip Irrigation and Raised Beds

Sep 20—Energy Conservation: Tree selection, Care for Your Trees, and Rain Water Harvesting

Oct 4—Proper Uses of Plant Nutrition and Pest Mgmt

Oct 18—Wildscaping, Rain Gardens and Yard Waste Reduction

Registration fee:
$60 for all four Saturday sessions or
$100 For a Couple (in same household) to attend all four Sessions or $20 per session.
RSVP and registration fee due Aug 27th, to:
Texas A&M AgriLife Ext Svc
Attn: Angel Torres
3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 212
San Antonio, TX 78230-4818
(210) 467-6575
matorres@ag.tamu.edu
Please register early due to limited space.

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Sep 6, 2014  Part 1 Water Conservation: Soil Prep, Drip Irrigation and Raised Beds
8:30 —  9:00  Registration (coffee and snacks)
9:00 —  9:30  Welcome and The Importance of Water Conservation
Troy Luepke, Program Coordinator, Water and Natural Resources,
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, San Antonio
9:30 — 10:30  Soil Improvement
Techniques for Saving Water and Money by Amending your Soil.
Trevor Broyles, Horticulturist, New Earth Soils and Compost, San Antonio, TX
10:30 — 10:45  Break
10:45 — 11:45  Garden Beds
How to Build a Raised Bed and Use Drip Irrigation in them.
Vince Vita, Water Specialist, Bexar County Master Gardener
11:45—12:00  Questions/Answers and Evaluations
End of Part 1

Sep 20, 2014  Part 2 Energy Conservation: Tree Selection and Care for Your Trees with Rain Water Harvesting
8:30 —  9:00  Registration (coffee and snacks)
9:00 —  9:05  Welcome. Lou Kellogg, Education Coordinator, Bexar County Master Gardener
9:05 —  9:30  Energy Conservation. An overview of the importance of conserving energy and how trees
help in this process. Lou Kellogg, Education Coordinator, Bexar County Master Gardener
9:30—10:30  Tree Selection
What are some of the native trees in this area; how to select the proper tree; and,
where to plant on your property. Mark Kroeze, Urban Forester, Texas A&M Forest Service
10:30 —10:45  Break
10:45 — 11:45  Rain Water Harvesting
Why harvesting rain water can help your plants grow during drought conditions and a
demonstration on how to build a rain barrel. Water Specialists, Bexar County Master Gardeners
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<td>Proper Use of Plant Nutrition. Discuss the differences between Conventional and Organic fertilizers and when to use either to help improve your soil and plants. David Rodriguez, County Extension Agent-Horticulturist, Texas A&amp;M AgriLife Extension Service</td>
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<td>Yard Waste Reduction. The 3 R’s (Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle). How to reduce waste, and reuse it thru home composting, which provides the organic materials our landscapes needs, and, by recycling—we get to save MONEY! John Sells, Composter Specialist, Bexar County Master Gardener</td>
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