

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

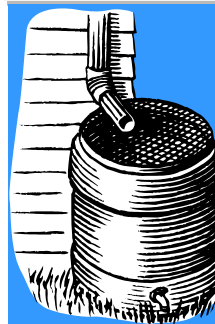
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Please register early due to limited space.



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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**
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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
- 11:45—12:00 **Questions/Answers and Evaluations**

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Oct 4, 2014 **Part 3 Proper Uses of Plant Nutrition and Pest Management**

- 8:30 — 9:00 **Registration** (coffee and snacks)
- 9:00 — 9:05 **Welcome**
Troy Luepke, Program Coordinator, Water and Natural Resources,
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, San Antonio
- 9:05 — 10:05 **Integrated Pest Management — Good and Bad Bugs**
Discussion of the good and bad bugs and how to manage them in your yard.
Carol White, Entomology Coordinator, Bexar County Master Gardener
- 10:05 — 10:20 **Break**
- 10:20 — 10:50 **Lawn Spreaders.** Proper use and care of lawn spreaders.
Lou Kellogg, Education Coordinator, Bexar County Master Gardener
- 11:00—11:55 **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&M AgriLife Extension Service
- 11:55—12:00 **Questions/Answers and Evaluations**
- End of Part 3**
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Oct 18, 2014 **Part 4 Wildscaping, Rain Gardens and Yard Waste Reduction**

- 8:30 — 9:00 **Registration** (coffee and snacks)
- 9:00 — 9:05 **Welcome.** Lou Kellogg, Education Coordinator, Bexar County Master Gardener
- 9:05 — 9:20 **Proper Lawnmower Care and Usage.** A general overview of proper lawnmower care. Selecting the correct lawn mower setting for your yard.
Lou Kellogg, Education Coordinator, Bexar County Master Gardener
- 9:20— 10:30 **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
- 10:30 —10:45 **Break**
- 10:45 —11:55 **Wildscaping and Rain Gardens.** How to build a Rain Garden in your yard; how certain plants can make your backyard attractive to wildlife and birds. Jamie Daily, Water Specialist, Bexar County Master Gardener