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Saving From a Rainy Day – DIY Rain Barrel Class

Copperas Cove, Texas – A program, “Saving From a Rainy Day – DIY Rain Barrel Class” will be hosted as a joint effort among the Lampasas River Watershed Partnership, Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful, Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board on Thursday, March 5, 2020, from 6pm to 8pm at the Copperas Cove Public Library, located at 501 S. Main Street.

“Rainwater harvesting is an innovative and efficient means of utilizing water,” said Lisa Prcin, AgriLife Research Watershed Coordinator for the Lampasas River Watershed. “This process collects rainwater, stores it and uses it when needed. It is extremely useful as it lessens the demand on existing water supplies and saves for times when it is needed. It also reduces flooding, erosion and contamination of surface water.”

The workshop is free and participants have the opportunity to build their own rain barrel to take home for \$50. Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful is sponsoring \$25 of the costs for first 25 barrels reserved. Space and barrels are limited, so registration is required for the class. Register early to be sure to secure your barrel by visiting www.lampasasriver.org.

Rain barrels must be pre-paid for and by ordering a rain barrel(s), participants are registered to attend the class. Rain barrels are recycled food-grade containers and are roughly 24" wide by 36" tall.

“Participants will learn about the benefits of rainwater harvesting and how to build an effective system,” said Tamaron Hunt, AgriLife Research Program Coordinator, who will be teaching the class.

Roxanne Flores-Achmad, Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful Executive Director, said, “We are excited to offer this program for the fourth time in our community. Rainwater is the best water for your lawn, landscape or vegetable garden and KCCB believes in the benefits rainwater harvesting provides.”

Prcin said, “Not only does rainwater harvesting help provide an additional source of water, it also helps mitigate contamination of surface water due to stormwater runoff by allowing the rainwater to be filtered more than it typically would if it just drained directly into the local waterways. Rainwater harvesting was identified by the Lampasas River Watershed Partnership as a way for homeowners to help improve water quality in Lampasas River watershed. This workshop is part of the outreach and education strategy of the Lampasas River Watershed Protection Plan.”

The Lampasas River Watershed Partnership, facilitated by Texas A&M AgriLife Research – Blackland Research Center and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, consists of area residents and other stakeholders from across the watershed. More information about the Lampasas River Watershed Partnership and this program can be found at www.lampasasriver.org.

Light refreshments will be served.

The facilitation of the Lampasas River Watershed Partnership and development of the watershed protection plan is funded by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board through a Clean Water Act §319(h) grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

For further information or questions please contact either of the following:

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