



NEWS RELEASE

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Build Your Own Rain Barrel on Sept. 12: Registration is first-come, first-served

Pre-register for a rain barrel building workshop to build a rain barrel and start harvesting rainwater. The Saturday, Sept. 12th, workshop will be held at the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service (CES), Washington County offices at 2536 N. McConnell Ave. (across from the east entrance to the Washington County Fairgrounds).

Workshops will be held at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m. The limit is 15 people per workshop. Each participant will help build his or her rain barrel to take home with them at the end of their session. The cost is \$37 per person. This fee covers the materials needed for your rain barrel. All materials, tools, and assistance will be provided. The event is co-sponsored by CES and Beaver Water District.

You must pre-register by phone. Registration will be guaranteed once payment is received. Registration is first-come, first-served. Call Joyce Mendenhall at UA Cooperative Extension, 444-1755, to register.

Rain barrels are a water conservation tool. Positioned under a gutter of a home, a rain barrel will capture runoff during rain events. Water may then be used to water the lawn and flowers.

Beaver Water District supplies drinking water to more than 250,000 people and industries in Fayetteville, Springdale, Rogers, Bentonville and surrounding areas. The District's mission is to serve our customers in the Benton and Washington County area by providing high quality drinking water that meets or exceeds all federal and state regulatory requirements in such quantities as meets their demands and is economically priced consistent with our quality standards. For more information, visit www.bwdh2o.org.