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Sign Up To Build a Rain Barrel on Aug. 21st; Space is limited!

Beaver Water District and Benton County Cooperative Extension will host rain barrel building workshops at 9 a.m. and at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 21st, at Prairie Creek Recreation Area on Beaver Lake near Rogers. Pre-registration and advanced payment required. Cost is \$45. Call 479-271-1060 to secure your spot today. All parts, tools, and the barrel are provided as part of the fee.

“What’s so cool about these workshops is that you can show up empty-handed and leave in about an hour with a functioning rain barrel,” said Amy Wilson, Director of Public Affairs for Beaver Water District. “The barrels are 55-gallon plastic barrels and will fit in most cars. I have one I installed to capture water from a rain gutter at my house and I love it.”

What is a Rain Barrel?

A rain barrel is a container that is used to harvest rainwater from rooftops. Rain barrels capture free, soft, non-chlorinated rainwater and serve a cost-effective alternative to using tap water for watering yards and gardens. They are inexpensive and easy to maintain and are applicable to residential, commercial, and industrial site.

How Does a Rain Barrel Work?

A typical residential system directs gutter downspouts to a 50-60 gallon rain barrel. A hose can be attached to a faucet at the bottom of the barrel for water to be released through gravity pressure. Using this water for irrigation is an easy and economical way to help you maintain a healthy lawn and garden.

Rain Barrels:

- **Save money on municipal water bills**
- **Reduce use of treated water for home irrigation**
- **Lower peak demands on public water systems**
- **Reduce stormwater runoff volume**
- **Reduce stormwater runoff velocity**

Beaver Water District, with offices near Lowell, supplies drinking water to more than 250,000 people and industries in Fayetteville, Springdale, Rogers, Bentonville and surrounding areas. These cities then resell the water to surrounding towns and communities. The District's mission is to serve 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.