

Gardening Basics

Rainwater Harvesting Information Resources

Rainwater harvesting can be a rain garden that slows down flow so that it soaks in, rain barrels set up under a downspout, or sophisticated systems that collect rain via guttering for storage in large cisterns. The following resources assist with a variety of information.

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"Earth-Kind® Drought Preparedness", Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, (accessed 7 Feb. 2025), <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/drought>

"Earth-wise Guide to Landscape Design", City of Austin/AgriLife Extension, (accessed 7 Feb. 2025), <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/growgreen/downloads/landscaping.pdf>

"Frequently Asked Questions", Texas Water Development Board, (accessed 7 Feb. 2025), <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/innovativewater/rainwater/faq.asp>

"HB 645-2003", Texas State Legislature – concerning HOA's rules regarding composting, rain barrels, xeriscaping, etc., (accessed 7 Feb. 2025), <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/78R/billtext/html/HB00645F.htm>

"Harvesting Rainwater for Wildlife", 2006, Texas Cooperative Extension, (accessed 7 Feb. 2025), <https://texnat.tamu.edu/files/2018/08/Water-rainwater-harvesting-for-wildlife-2006.pdf>

"Rain Gardens for North Texas Landscapes", DCMGA, (accessed 7 Feb. 2025), <https://dcmga.com/garden-basics-rain-gardens-north-texas/>

"Rainwater Harvesting", "Calculators", Texas A&M AgriLife, (accessed 7 Feb. 2025), <http://rainwaterharvesting.tamu.edu/calculators/>

"Saving from a Rainy Day: Making a Rain Barrel", Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, <https://dcmga.com/saving-rainy-day--make-rain-barrel/>

"The Texas Manual on Rainwater Harvesting", 2005, Texas Water Development Board, (accessed 7 Feb. 2025), http://www.twdb.texas.gov/publications/brochures/conservation/doc/RainwaterHarvestingManual_3rdedition.pdf

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