



Gardening Basics

Rainwater Harvesting Information Resources

Rainwater harvesting can be a raingarden that slows down flow in order to allow it to soak into the ground, to simple rain barrels set up under a downspout, or to sophisticated systems that collect via guttering on buildings for storage in large cisterns. These resources will assist with a variety of information:

Saving from a Rainy Day: Making a Rain Barrel, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension:

<https://dcmga.com/saving-rainy-day--make-rain-barrel/>

Making a Rain Barrel, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension: <https://dcmga.com/making-rain-barrel/>

Rain Gardens for North Texas Landscapes, DCMGA:

<https://dcmga.com/garden-basics-rain-gardens-north-texas/>

Harvesting Rainwater for Landscape Use, by Patricia H. Waterfall, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension:

<https://wrrc.arizona.edu/publications/water-harvesting/harvesting-rainwater-landscape-use>

Earth-wise Guide to Landscape Design, City of Austin/AgriLife Extension (includes design for raingardens):

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/growgreen/downloads/landscaping.pdf>

Extension Rainwater Harvesting Supply Calculator/Hazen-Williams Pressure Loss Calculator, Texas A&M AgriLife:

<http://rainwaterharvesting.tamu.edu/calculators/>

State of Texas sales tax exemption explanation – rain barrels, cisterns, etc.:

<https://www.twdb.texas.gov/conservation/municipal/commercial-institutional/doc/SalesTaxExemptions.pdf>

Texas Manual on Rainwater Harvesting, Texas Water Development Board:

http://www.twdb.texas.gov/publications/brochures/conservation/doc/RainwaterHarvestingManual_3rdedition.pdf

Harvesting Rainwater for Wildlife, Texas Cooperative Extension:

<https://texnat.tamu.edu/files/2018/08/Water-rainwater-harvesting-for-wildlife-2006.pdf>

Texas Water Development Board FAQ page:

<http://www.twdb.texas.gov/innovativewater/rainwater/faq.asp>

Earth-Kind® Drought Preparedness, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension:

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/drought>

Earth-wise Guide to Landscape Design, City of Austin/AgriLife Extension (includes design for raingardens):

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/growgreen/downloads/landscaping.pdf>

Texas Smartscape:

<http://www.txsmartscape.com>

HB 645-2003, Texas State Legislature – concerning HOA's rules regarding composting, rain barrels, xeriscaping, etc.

<http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/78R/billtext/html/HB00645F.htm>

Paint & Decorate Your Homemade Rain Barrel, Texas AgriLife Extension:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxZ3HY7ANNA>