

**Advanced Master Gardener Training
Rainwater Harvesting
May 7, 14, & 21
Online Course
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Tarrant County
1801 Circle Dr., Fort Worth, Texas 76119**

Advanced Training Purpose:

To provide advanced training whereby Master Gardeners can obtain specialization in areas that support or expand designed programs of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

Advanced Master Gardener Training – Rainwater Harvesting:

The Advanced Master Gardener Rainwater Harvesting training was created as a hands-on, intensive multi-day training that empowers Master Gardeners with knowledge and skills required to effectively support and multiply Texas A&M AgriLife Extension efforts in educational programs. **The Spring 2021 sessions will be taught virtually, due to Covid 19.** The class will teach you about rainwater harvesting from 55 gallon rain barrels up to large home or commercial systems, explain how to hold a rain barrel class in your county, work with water utility providers, groundwater conservation districts, stormwater departments, groups in your county and provide the support you need to teach others.

Master Gardeners who fulfill specified training and volunteer requirements will be recognized as an Advanced Master Gardener in the specific field of Rainwater Harvesting. This certification does not empower the individual with supervisory or administrative authority within his/her local county programs.

Participation Requirements:

To be eligible for the Advanced Master Gardener – Rainwater Harvesting training, an individual must possess an up-to-date Master Gardener certification, or be an employee of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Master Gardener application must be approved by their local County Extension Agent.

Advanced Master Gardener Training – Rainwater Harvesting:

The Advanced Master Gardener Training – Rainwater Harvesting program is designed to train and certify Master Gardeners to become part of a state corps of Rainwater Harvesting experts and educators. To become a certified Advanced Master Gardener in Rainwater Harvesting, Master Gardeners are required to attend the Advanced Master Gardener in Rainwater Harvesting training to fulfill training requirements and subsequently meet service requirements described below. **The Spring 2021 sessions will be taught virtually, due to Covid 19.** Training activities during the course will empower Master Gardeners to complete these service requirements.

Position Description:

The Advanced Master Gardener Training – Rainwater Harvesting is charged to increase awareness and provide training in Rainwater Harvesting in both home landscapes and commercial areas.

Time Commitment:

The Master Gardener is required to serve a minimum of one year as an Advanced Master Gardener in Rainwater Harvesting providing a minimum of 20 hours of service. Service includes training Master Gardeners in their county, presenting the information to at least 3 other groups and setting up a demonstration in their county.

Training and Service Requirements:

- Attend the Online Advanced Master Gardener – Rainwater Harvesting training
The Spring 2021 RWH Advanced Training will be taught virtually, due to Covid 19.
- Serve as a local Advanced Master Gardener Rainwater Harvesting resource
- Assist with Rainwater Harvesting training for Master Gardeners and trainees
- Conduct community/youth Rainwater Harvesting education programs
- Increase clientele knowledge about Rainwater Harvesting through: presentation, workshops and mass media efforts (i.e., radio, newspaper, television, newsletters)

Specialist Recognition and Certification:

Upon completion of the Advanced Master Gardener – Rainwater Harvesting service requirements, the Master Gardener will be formally recognized at the annual Texas Master Gardener Conference, at which time they will be awarded an Advanced Master Gardener Certificate.

Resources Available to Advanced Master Gardener Training – Rainwater Harvesting:

Rainwater Harvesting training

Educational materials on Rainwater Harvesting

Direct access to Texas AgriLife Extension Service, County Extension Agent - Horticulture

If you need any special accommodations, please contact Laura Miller at 817-884-1945 by April 30, 2021 so your request can be considered.



Registration Form
Advanced Master Gardener Training
Rainwater Harvesting – Online course
Three consecutive Fridays May 7, 14, & 21 2021
Tarrant County Master Gardeners – Ft. Worth, Texas

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS April 30, 2021 PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

NAME _____ (Please wear Master Gardener name tag)

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY / ZIP CODE _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

COUNTY _____

MG Coordinator/Extension Agent Signature (Required) _____

Registration fee of **\$125.00**, includes online **lectures, instruction sessions, digital copy of the RWH notebook, thumb drive or digital upload of power points and resource materials.**

Rain barrel – to purchase a Rain barrel for **\$50.00 (includes tax)**, please complete the information below. **Barrels w/ parts are available and can be picked up, by participants at a pre-arranged date and time at the TCMGA Water Works Learning Center, 1801 Circle Drive, FW.**

Denim shirt order – to purchase an Advanced Rainwater Harvesting denim shirt for **\$40.00 (includes tax and shipping)**, please complete the information below.

Shirt Size: Ladies _____ Men _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ (\$2 additional) XXXL _____ (\$4 additional) Short Sleeve _____ Long Sleeve _____

TOTAL:

Registration fee = **\$125.00**

Optional - Denim Shirt @ \$40.00 each x Qty _____ = _____

Optional - Rain barrel @ \$50.00 each x Qty _____ = _____

Total Amount Enclosed = _____

Mail check made out to **TCMGA** along with registration form to: Tarrant County Master Gardener Association, Rainwater Harvesting Advanced Training, Attn. Laura Miller, 200 Taylor, Suite 500, Fort Worth, Texas 76196-0123. The **deadline is April 30, 2021**. For additional information please contact: Veronica Cabral at 817-884-1946. **COURSE IS LIMITED TO 100 APPLICANTS, three per county.**
There will be no refunds after April 30, 2021.

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Virtual Presentation

TENTATIVE AGENDA OVER-VIEW

Friday, May 7

- 9:00 Welcome and Introductions
Water Issues and Strategies
Hydrological Cycle
Rainwater Harvesting Basics
Q & A
- 4:00 Adjourn

Friday, May 14

- 9:00 Rainwater Harvesting Basics, Continued
Tour of the Rainwater Harvesting Systems and Rain Gardens
at the FtW Botanic Gardens and the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT)
Q & A
- 4:00 Adjourn

Friday, May 21

- 9:00 Wildlife Guzzler, Pollinator Collection System
Youth Education
Irrigation for Rainwater Collection System
Landscape for Rainwater Collection System
How to Construct rain barrel
How to hold a rain barrel fundraiser
Rain simulator – demo
Tour of rain catchment systems in the TCMGA Demo Garden
- 2:30 Evaluations, discuss Community Involvement, Planning, Resources, Wrap up
- 3:00 Adjourn