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Sachse presents free workshop on making rain barrels

SACHSE (May 5, 2016) Harvesting rainwater for use in irrigating lawns and landscapes has proven to be a smart way to maintain a health yard and save money, says Lance Whitworth, Parks and Recreation Director.

“Study after study shows the value of having a rain-capture system at home,” he said. “It’s not a question of whether or not a homeowner will save money, it’s more a question of how much money he or she will save.”

A free workshop, “Saving From a Rainy Day – Making a Rain Barrel” will teach residents how to construct a rain harvesting system using a 50-gallon barrel. The class is scheduled for Monday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Sachse Public Library, 3815 Sachse Road, behind City Hall.

“Rain barrels are not new, of course. They’ve been used for many years by farmers and ranchers,” he said. “It’s a very simple technology that can help conserve the water in our reservoirs, save us money, and make use of a free resource – rain.”

Interested participants can attend the class and learn how to create their own rain barrel and take advantage of the spring rains, as well as precipitation throughout the year. In addition, the class will cover the effects of storm water on the environment.

Registration is required for this workshop, which is sponsored by the Sachse Parks and Recreation Department and presented by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Individuals can register by visiting: www.dallas.tamu.edu/courses/2016/may-16-2016-saving-from-a-rainy-day-making-a-rain-barrel-sachse.

“Attendees can leave the class with their own rain barrel, ready to begin capturing rain,” added Whitworth. Those wishing to take a completed rain barrel home should bring \$50 to pay for the barrel and supplies. The containers are made of lightweight polyurethane, and can easily be carried in a car.

Sachse residents with extra-large yards may wish to build more than one barrel. “In order to plan properly, residents should tell us, on the registration screen, how many rain barrels they plan on building and taking,” he said.

The rain barrels pay for themselves over one summer season, and can last up to 15 years. Information is available from Parks and Recreation at 469-429-0275.

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ABOUT THE CITY OF SACHSE – Sachse is an emerging city in Collin and Dallas Counties with a population of 20,329 according to the 2010 census. Located about a mile north of the President George Bush Turnpike off State Hwy 78, the City is chartered as a Council-Manager municipality. Founded in 1845 by William Sachse, the City enjoys an eclectic mix of older, established neighborhoods and new residential and commercial developments. Proud of its history, the City is home to a strong historical restoration movement which includes an extensive history museum.