



GALVESTON BAY FOUNDATION

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Galveston Bay Foundation Partners with Houston Zoo to Host Rain Barrel Workshop

Houston, TX – March 27, 2017 – The Galveston Bay Foundation (GBF) is partnering with the Houston Zoo to host a unique Rain Barrel Workshop. This program aims to educate the communities surrounding the Galveston Bay of the benefits of harvesting rainwater. It is a low maintenance, low cost method for easily conserving water at home. Rain barrels are placed at downspouts to divert rainwater that would otherwise be directed to a storm drain.

By reducing stormwater runoff, we can reduce the amount of bacteria that is being introduced into the water in our Bay, as well as into our beaches. Rain barrels can also reduce flooding from heavy rain events. Each barrel can potentially save up to 1,050 gallons of water per year, and if every single-family housing unit in Houston had one rain barrel, the total water conserved would fill the Astrodome from floor to ceiling three times over.

Since the program's establishment in 2013, GBF has distributed 1,608 barrels into the communities surrounding Houston, potentially conserving over 4.9 million gallons of water.

The Houston Zoo Rain Barrel Workshop will be held on Saturday, April 8th from 9:45am to 11:45am at the Brown Education Center. Pre-registration is required. The workshop costs \$35, which includes one rain barrel + connector kit, and admission to the workshop and the zoo for two people. Attendees at this workshop will learn the environmental benefits of rain barrels, how to use them, as well as proper location and installation.

For more information and to register, visit www.galvbay.org/rainbarrel.

This workshop is made possible thanks to our sponsors, LyondellBasell, Coca-Cola Bottling Company, and the Houston Zoo.

About Galveston Bay Foundation

The mission of the Galveston Bay Foundation is to preserve and enhance Galveston Bay as a healthy and productive place for generations to come. The Foundation was incorporated in 1987, and is a non-profit organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. GBF is located at 1100 Hercules Avenue, Suite 200 in Houston, Texas. For further information contact GBF at 281-332-3381 or visit the website at www.galvbay.org.

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