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City Libraries and NBU Partner on DIY Rain Barrel Programs

New Braunfels, TX – Did you miss the chance to build a rain barrel in the fall? This spring New Braunfels Utilities (NBU) is partnering with the City of New Braunfels Library branches and bringing two opportunities to build a rain barrel. NBU’s first session will be held at Westside Community Center on Thursday, April 12th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and the second session will be held on Thursday, April 19th at the New Braunfels Public Library from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Jennifer Hernandez, Westside Community Center’s Outreach Coordinator, said, “This is one of our most popular events throughout the year. It’s definitely a hands-on educational DIY for those who have been waiting to participate in rainwater harvesting or are looking to increase conservation efforts. Tell a friend, bring a representative from one of your local schools, organizations, or register for your own garden rain barrel. As always, Andrew Cummings and Kristin Martinez, NBU’s Environmental Affairs Staff will be leading the way. NBU’s staff always offer amazing programs, and the opportunity to have two sites with different dates and time periods to choose from is awesome. I think anyone who has been curious about making a rain barrel, or who has been overwhelmed with the supplies needed to create one, will be pleasantly surprised with the process.”

All participants are required to bring a 32-gallon trashcan (with the lid) to the registration-required event and should be prepared to follow the step by step process with assistance from NBU staff. NBU will again be providing fixtures and fittings FREE of charge. Attendees should plan to arrive a few minutes prior to the start of the program.

“As in the past, we have had patrons making rain barrels for their home vegetable and flower gardens as well as garden representatives from local elementary schools,” said Hernandez. “We look forward to seeing how attendees plan to use their rain barrel for conservation efforts.”

All interested participants, should register online at www.nbtexas.org/library. Registration will close 24hrs prior to the event and space is limited.

For more information about the event, contact the Westside Community Center at 830-221-4630 or the New Braunfels Public Library at 830-221-4300. Visit www.nbutexas.com/conservation, or call (830) 608-8925, for more information on water and energy conservation.

The Westside Community Center is located at 2932 S. IH 35 in New Braunfels and the New Braunfels Public Library is located at 700 East Common Street.

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