

# Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District: Water Conservation Program

*In collaboration with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension*



# POSCGD Water Conservation Program Objectives:

- Rainwater Harvesting Rebate Program
- Demonstration Sites at POSGCD Office
  - Rainwater Harvesting site
  - Garden site
  - Drip irrigation site
- Education workshops and Trainings



# Demonstration Site

- Post Oak Savannah office
- RWH demonstration Site
- Drought tolerant landscape



# POSCGD Water Conservation Program Goals:

- To encourage RWH and promote water conservation within the district
- Practices maximizing the effectiveness of integrated rainwater harvesting systems
- Offer workshops on RWH



# POSGCD Rebate Program

- Incentive – rebate up to \$3,000 based on gallon capacity of cistern
- \$1.00 per gallon capacity of cistern

*(The per gallon capacity rebate amount includes tank, gutter, tank foundation, overflow, and miscellaneous materials, which make up the system*

For example, you purchase a 550 gallon tank; install gutter, overflow and miscellaneous fittings. You would receive a \$550 rebate that covers the complete system including the tank, gutter, miscellaneous fittings etc.



# Rebate details:

- Applicant must be a resident or landowner in the District.
- The system must be installed within the district.
- Applicants must complete an approved rainwater harvesting course to qualify for the reimbursement.
- Only one application per household can be filed every 12 months.
- A maximum of no more than \$3000 could be awarded per household per lifetime.
- Reimbursements would be limited to \$1 per gallon of storage of the completed system.
- Site plans must be approved before expenses may be considered for the program.
- A completion inspection by qualified staff must be completed and filed along with qualifying receipts for reimbursement.
- Qualifying applicants may be eligible for short term financial assistance in purchasing tanks.

# Program Instructions:

- Attend an approved Rainwater Harvesting Workshop.
- Turn in a RWH Site plan to the District for approval prior to purchase.
  - System site plan (can be hand drawn) including:
    - Location of cistern/tank
    - Outline of catchment area
    - Description of cistern/tank (size, type)
- Applicant will be notified of approval status and availability of funds.
- Complete a POSGCD RWH Rebate program application with the following attached:
  - Certificate of completion of POSGCD Rainwater Harvesting Workshop.
  - Approved site plan
  - Attach original receipts of cistern/tank.
- District staff will schedule a completion inspection prior to issuing rebate.

# Scheduled Workshops

- Rainwater Harvesting Workshop
  - October 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Must Register, space is limited
- Earthkind Workshop
  - November 6<sup>th</sup> - 6 - 8 p.m.
  - Must Register, space is limited
- Rainwater Harvesting Workshop
  - December 2<sup>nd</sup> - 10 a.m. - Noon
  - Must Register, space is limited



# EarthKind Workshop

- Work with local Master Gardener Programs from Milam and Burleson counties to design garden
- Native and better adapted plants in landscapes are environmentally sustainable.
  - Drought Tolerance
  - Heat tolerance
  - Water efficiency
  - Lower fertilizer requirement
- Design/ Assist in drip and water conserving irrigation

# *What Are You Going To Do With Your Rainfall?*

