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Rainwater Catchment Workshop

Learn more about rain catchment and resources available to install your own project

You're invited to learn more about using rainwater as a resource. On March 3 at 6:00 pm at the City of Arroyo Grande Council Chambers there will be a workshop on rainwater catchment. The workshop will cover information about ways you can capture and reuse stormwater, ocean friendly landscaping, rain gardens, and permeable pavers.

One of the resources available is a rebate program for residents of San Luis Obispo, Arroyo Grande or Nipomo. Rebates up to $999 will be available for installing Best Management Practices (BMP). Projects can be as simple as installing a rain garden, porous pavers, directing roof runoff to landscaped areas or planting trees. Engineered recommendations for your site are provided free-of-charge, focusing on your specific landscaping and stormwater runoff needs. Learn more about the program at www.StormRewards.org or by calling the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District at 805.772.4391. Funding for this project has been provided in full or in part through an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board.

Connected solid surfaces such as pavement and rooftops, typical in a city block, generates more than 5 times more runoff than a woodland area of the same size. This excessive runoff collects urban pollutants along the way, taking contaminants directly into our streams and oceans. These pollutants can harm fish and wildlife, kill native vegetation, foul drinking water supplies, and make recreational areas unsafe. By using Best Management Practices, stormwater is contained on your property, allowing it time to soak into the ground, saving money on water bills and keeping possible pollutants out of streams & oceans.

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Pictures below: