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Come and Catch some rain Knowledge with PBUWCD!

STANTON (May 2, 2013) - While West Texas has been in a severe drought the past two years, the little amount of rainfall received could have filled a rain barrel. One inch of rain on 1000 square feet of rooftop area generates 600 gallons of water. Imagine the possibilities of capturing large amounts of water to store in your own personal rain barrel.

The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District will host a Rainwater Harvesting Demonstration and informational session May 16 from 5-6 p.m. A Master Gardener representative from Howard County will present the basics of rainwater harvesting and provide information on how to create your very own rain barrel.

Rainwater harvesting is a great practice in dry arid regions because one heavy rain can fill a rain barrel. Stored rainwater can be used for landscape, small wildlife, indoor plants, fire protection or storm water management.

While the practice of rainwater harvesting is not commonly known, the benefits of capturing rain can make a positive difference on your outdoor water use. The event will take place at the PBUWCD office, 708 West Saint Peter St. in Stanton.

For more information, please contact PBUWCD personnel at 432-756-2136 or email our education coordinator at savegroundwater@gmail.com. Come and catch some rain knowledge with us!

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The Southern Ogallala Conservation & Outreach Program is the education and public relations division of the Permian Basin UWCD. SOCOP's mission is to spread underground water awareness and encourage water conservation practices. For more information, visit savingh2o.org.