

Honolulu Board of Water Supply

Media Advisory



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Good Bug vs. Bad Bug

Beneficial Bugs Workshop at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden

WHAT: Are slugs snacking on your favorite plant? Are your hibiscus leaves lumpy and bumpy? Some bugs have favorite colors and host plants in your garden, and you could be inviting unwanted guests. An informational workshop offered by the Board of Water Supply (BWS) and Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden (FOHXG) instructs participants on how knowing the difference between good bugs, bad bugs, and proper plant selection could put an end to garden woes and minimize pesticide chemicals from entering our groundwater supply.

WHEN: Saturday, January 23, 2016
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Halawa Xeriscape Garden
99-1268 Iwaena Street
Halawa Valley's Central Park Industrial Area

DETAILS: Participants will learn what plants or flowers attract beneficial bugs and how to identify and manage garden pests using environmentally-friendly techniques.

Although we'll have bugs for participants to view, please bring your own bug or damaged leaf/leaves samples to the workshop. **Place your sample in an air tight bag and keep it in the refrigerator until you're ready to bring it to the workshop.** Participants will also receive handy tips to take home including: Bug-be-Gone recipes, a list of some of the best bug-buster informational websites, and an identification sheet for our most common backyard bugs.

COST: \$5 for non-members, FREE for members of the FOHXG (depending on level of membership).

REGISTER: **Advanced registration is required.** Registration begins on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, and closes at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 22, 2016, or when all spaces are filled. Call 748-5320 or email workshops@hbws.org to register. For more information about xeriscaping or classes at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden, log on to www.boardofwatersupply.com. BWS security requires full name and address of all participants.

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