

Honolulu Board of Water Supply

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NEEM TREE HELPS PROTECT GARDEN & HEALTH

Neem Tree Workshop at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden

- WHAT:** An informational workshop offered by the Board of Water Supply (BWS) and Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden (FOHXG) will explain how parts of the Neem tree* can be used for organic pest control and as an everyday household remedy.
- WHEN:** Saturday, October 18, 2014
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:** The magnificent Neem tree* is an unthirsty plant that holds a multitude of insecticidal, medicinal, and water-saving benefits. Dr. Saleem Ahmed, Ph.D, former East-West Center fellow and Neem enthusiast, is excited to demonstrate how the Neem tree can be used as an organic insect repellent; a medicinal poultice to treat acne and open wounds; diabetes control; and other anti-fungal and anti-bacterial uses. Dr. Ahmed will explain how all of these benefits can be accomplished by using the drought tolerant Neem's virulent leaves and twigs as an everyday household remedy.
- COST:** Free for members of the FOHXG (depending on level of membership), \$5 for non-members.
- REGISTER:** **Advanced Registration is Required.** Registration opens on Tuesday, September 30, 2014, and closes at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2014, or when all spaces are filled. Call 748-5363 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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