

Honolulu Board of Water Supply

Media Advisory



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SPIRAL & KEYHOLE GARDENS AND VERMICAST WORM TOWERS *Halawa Xeriscape Garden Workshop*

WHAT: Two workshops for the price of one! Come and learn about abundant gardening in small spaces, differences between spiral and keyhole gardens, and the importance of vermicast and the Soil Food Web from Diane Moses, Board of Water Supply (BWS) Community Relations Specialist, and Ralph Rhoads, an expert in Sustainable Living Education. Six to eight lucky participants will actually help construct a spiral and keyhole garden! Be sure to let us know when you register if you are able to participate in the hands-on segment of this workshop.

WHEN: Saturday, April 16, 2016
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

COST: This workshop is free to the community and all members of the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden.

DETAILS: Spiral gardens use gravity, a worm tower, and natural rain fall to maintain the plants within them, while Keyhole gardens use a built-in well to water their plants. Add to these gardens the use of vermicast and the understanding of the soil food web and you can have a very healthy garden with an abundant yield all in a small space. Healthy plants require less water and maintenance. You will not only gain personal leisure time but significantly reduce your outdoor water consumption. For those who will participate in the construction of the gardens, please dress appropriately, apply sunscreen, bring a shade hat, bug repellent, water, and lunch.



REGISTER: **Advanced Registration is Required.** Registration begins on Tuesday, March 29, 2016, and closes at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2016, or when all spaces are filled. Call 748-5320 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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