

Honolulu Board of Water Supply

Media Advisory



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BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO A MORNING WITH THE PLANT DOCTOR AT THE HALAWA XERISCAPE GARDEN

WHAT: The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS), in partnership with the Pearl City Urban Garden Center's Oahu Master Gardeners Cooperative Extension Services and the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden, invite the community to join us for "A Morning with the Plant Doctor" at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden.

WHEN: Saturday, March 20, 2010
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Halawa Xeriscape Garden
91-1268 Iwaena Street
Halawa Valley's Central Park Industrial Area

REGISTER: No registration or fees are necessary for this activity. Just show up with your samples!

DETAILS: Did you know that healthy plants require less water and are easier to care for? To help reduce the amount of drinking water used outdoors, the BWS, the Pearl City Urban Garden Center's Oahu Master Gardeners Cooperative Extension Services and the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden will be hosting the Plant Doctor. Whether you have a "green" or "black thumb", visitors will greatly benefit from the expertise and knowledge of these certified Master Gardeners as they address general plant concerns – discovering what's bugging your plants while learning how to conserve water outdoors. The BWS and its partners hope that this informational morning educates the community about alternative ways to conserve water outdoors. Visit www.boardofwatersupply.com for more information.

SAMPLES: Visitors are encouraged to bring several samples from each plant and keep samples from different plants in separate bags – please, no dead or dried leaves.

When collecting plant samples, examine the roots, stem, leaves, and blossoms and take a sample of anything looking suspicious. When collecting the sample, provide a young/new leaf, a damaged/infected leaf, and a mature leaf. Put samples in a plastic bag and keep it out of the sun. It is recommended to pick the samples on the morning of or as close to the event as possible.

When collecting insect samples, avoid touching insects with fingers. Household insects (roaches, bees, spiders etc.) should be immersed in rubbing alcohol. For other plant bugs and pests, provide plant cutting with live insects on it, place in plastic bag and refrigerate until needed.

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