

Honolulu Board of Water Supply

Media Advisory



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BENEFITS OF COMPANION GARDENING

Companion planting workshop at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden

WHAT: Join us for a fun-filled morning learning about the legendary and ancient art of companion planting. Offered by the Board of Water Supply (BWS) and Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden (FOHXG), this informative workshop instructs participants on how to select plants that benefit each other. These benefits include the exchanging of micronutrients to foster abundant growth and naturally deterring insects. Certain plants even act as doctors for each other. All of this while reducing your outdoor water usage!

WHEN: Saturday, February 27, 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

COST: \$5.00 for non-members. Free for members of the FOHXG (depending on level of membership).

DETAILS: Companion planting fosters healthy plants, which not only require less water but also require less fertilizer and maintenance too! It's amazing how different plants can influence the lifecycle of other plants. Come learn why broccoli, lettuce, and potatoes grow well together. You will learn to grow mint to repel aphids, to raise petunias to discourage potato bugs, and how chemicals secreted from one plant may help another. You'll return home excited to get your efficient landscaping or garden updated, and planning it will be easy because you will take home a handy companion planting cheat sheet.

REGISTER: **Advanced Registration is Required.** Registration opens on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, and closes at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 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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