

Honolulu Board of Water Supply
Media Advisory



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ECONOMICAL AQUAPONICS
Halawa Xeriscape Garden Workshop

WHAT: The Board of Water Supply (BWS), Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden (FOHXG), and HappyPonics Farms are pleased to offer an Economical Aquaponics workshop. Participants will learn about water conservation and how to produce organic food in their own backyard or lanai.

WHEN: Saturday, November 19, 2016
10:30 a.m. to noon

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

DETAILS: Do you enjoy raising fish, growing plants, and eating organic products? You can learn how to combine all three activities and save on outdoor water use by attending the Economical Aquaponics workshop.



Aquaponics is the symbiotic growing of plants and fish in a re-circulating environment. Users simply feed the small fish, and their nutrient-rich water is pumped into a grow bed. The grow bed serves as a filtration system, where the plants absorb nutrients from the water. The recharged, oxygenated water is then returned to the fish tank and the cycle repeats itself over and over again. An aquaponic system uses 90 to 95% less water than a traditional in-ground garden and eliminates the need for chemical fertilizers. Participants will learn to reduce their water footprint and put their newly learned skills to the test!

COST: \$5 for non-members, Free for FOHXG members (supporting level or above)

REGISTER: **Advanced registration is required.** Registration opens on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, and closes at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 18, 2016, or when all spaces are filled. Call 748-5315 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/workshops. BWS security requires full name and address of all participants.

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