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Why am I getting this?

You are receiving this newsletter because you live, work, or own property in the area that drains into Lake Fayetteville. You are a watershed stakeholder!

Tú estás recibiendo esta carta porque tú vives, trabajas, o tienes una propiedad en la cuenca del Lago Fayetteville. Por favor contácteme Colin Massey (cmassey@uaex.edu) para una copia de esta carta en español. Nosotros también proveemos consulta GRATIS en la casa con respeto a la calidad del agua, muestreo de suelos de su jardín y del césped, inundaciones, o cualquier otro problema de agricultura.

The Lake Fayetteville Watershed is ten square miles of Fayetteville, Springdale, and rural areas of Washington County that drain into Lake Fayetteville. Bacteria, nutrients, and sediment limit Lake Fayetteville’s recreational uses. Stormwater draining from urban areas, carrying automotive fluids, pet waste and other pollutants, is not treated and goes directly into creeks and streams. Our goal is to work with all of you to protect this water resource.

Have You Ever Wanted To Harvest Rain Water For Your Garden Or Landscape?

Join us on Sept. 25, 2014 at the Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks to make-and-take your own rain barrel and learn more about clean water protection at your home or business. Most commercial rain barrels cost up to $100, so don’t miss this chance to make your own for a fraction of the cost!

This workshop† will teach you how to make a rain barrel, and you will take your newly constructed rain barrel home with you! Two sessions will be available at 4:00 PM and 5:30 PM.

Please send an email to cmassey@uaex.edu or call 479-444-1755 to reserve your spot for this watershed stakeholder workshop.

Pre-registration is required and limited to 20 participants per session.

† Cost: $25 dollars to cover costs of parts

Help us conserve resources! If you’ve enjoyed this newsletter and would like to continue to receiving it, or you are willing to receive an electronic version, please send an email with the subject title “newsletter” to cmassey@uaex.edu, or call the extension office at 479-444-1755. If you no longer wish to receive this publication, please let us know and we will gladly remove your address.
Can A Home Visit Help You?

Several of your neighbors (and readers of the newsletter) have contacted me about a home site visit to help with different issues. We have helped homeowners in establishing ground cover to limit erosion, identified disease and weeds affecting some ornamental plants, grass, and trees, and taken FREE soil samples so residents can know what kind and how much fertilizer to apply. We have discussed leaving unmowed strips along streambanks to provide streamside buffers, and even discussed the installation of a permeable paved driveway that allows rainfall to infiltrate into the soil. All free of charge! All things that relate to preventing polluted stormwater from getting to Lake Fayetteville. These residents have all taken actions that have a positive impact on water pollution, and in some cases may have saved money, time, and effort. They implemented best management practices, or BMPs; practical and cost-friendly methods that will help prevent stormwater runoff pollution.

As you can see, the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension can assist you with a variety of issues. If you have contacted me for a site visit, thank you. If you have not and would like help on yard, garden, streambank, or any other water conservation issues, please contact me at cmassey@uaex.edu or 479-444-1755.

Be sure to visit www.uaex.edu for fact sheets regarding Yard and Garden, Farm and Ranch, and Environment and Nature
Spring Cleanup Wrap Up Report

Thank you again to all the residents, stakeholders, sponsors, and partners that came out on May 10th and helped remove 1,700 pounds of trash from the lake, surrounding parks, and 1 mile of Highway 265. Seventy-four volunteers came out to help clean up Lake Fayetteville. After the cleanup, volunteers enjoyed lunch and door prizes from our incredible sponsors. Because of these volunteers, the wildlife habitat, scenic value, water quality, and lake-based recreation will be improved for all who enjoy the lake, its trails, and its wildlife. See more pictures of our volunteers below.

What activities would you like to see held in your neighborhood?
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