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## Landscape Tips to Save Water... and Money!

While summer holidays may be over now, we can expect hot and dry conditions to continue here in Texas for some time. And if you are trying to keep your grass green, it may seem like you spend all your time – and money – watering the yard.

With a little planning, you can create a healthy, low-maintenance yard that not only saves you time and money, but also conserves water resources. Here are a few tips to get you started.

A thoughtfully designed landscape allows you to take advantage of the natural topography of your property. Make note of slopes where water will run off, and plan groupings of plants with similar watering needs.

Consider the use of buffer zones made up of turf grass or other thick vegetation to absorb runoff, reducing wasted water

pooling on driveways or sidewalks.

As you plan your landscape, don't overlook native plants that tend to be adapted to our local conditions. This is one of the easiest ways to design a low-maintenance, environmentally-friendly yard.

Plants that are native or well adapted to our area offer a number of benefits, including:

- Less need for water and fertilizer
- More tolerant of stressful conditions
- Less susceptible to pests.

A handy way to conserve water is to add mulch to reduce evaporation. Mulch also helps prevent erosion, suppress weeds and add nutrients. The best mulch comes from native sources such as straw, pine needles, leaves, grass clippings or compost.

An efficient irrigation plan helps maintain a land-

scape that is more resistant to pests and other problems. To create a deep, well-rooted lawn be sure to water thoroughly but not too frequently, wetting the soil to a depth of 4 –6 inches and allowing it to dry out between watering.

Water early in the morning, before 10 a.m. Between mid-morning and late afternoon you can lose as much as one-third of your water to evaporation.

With a little planning, you can create a beautiful landscape benefiting both you and the environment.



**Office Hours:**  
**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
**8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Drive-Thru Window:**  
**8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

## Alexa, Is My Toilet Leaking?

As smart home technology continues to get more advanced, new products are being developed to make our lives easier. One particular innovation is a smart leak detector that will alert you to potential problems.

Water is a common cause of property damage, and it can come from many sources, such as a burst pipe, broken

supply lines under your sink, a clogged toilet or a failing water heater. A smart leak detector works with your home water meter to identify issues — whether a continuous low flow, or sudden spurts of high water usage.

Some leak detectors will send an alert through text message, while others can be attached to a smart

system capable of shutting off the water supply in the event of an emergency.

But even if you never have a major leak, a smart water sensor makes it easier to keep an eye on your family's water usage to avoid a big surprise when the water bill arrives.

## Community Happenings

### Sacred Heart Homecoming Bazaar

Sunday, September 1, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rockne. A lunch of fried chicken, sausage, dressing and trimmings will be served on the church grounds from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Games, refreshments and other booths starting at 12:00. Bingo from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Live auction at 1:30 p.m.

### Rosanky Community Center Fall Fling

Saturday, October 5, at 135 Main Street, Rosanky. The event begins at 4 p.m. with a fried chicken dinner. There will be pumpkin painting and a new playscape for the kids to enjoy! Live auction starts at 5:30 p.m. with many great auction items.

### CCUMC Fall Festival

Saturday, October 19, at the Cedar Creek United Methodist Church, located at FM 535 and Hwy 21. Crafts, bake sale, games, pumpkin decoration and face painting, starting at 10 a.m. BBQ lunch at 11:30 a.m. and live auction at 12:30 p.m.

### Delhi VFD Gun Raffle & Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, October 19, at the Delhi Fire Station, 6255 State Highway 304. Serving to begin at 4 p.m. followed by a live auction, concluding with the raffle drawing for 9 guns and one last gun auction. Raffle tickets \$20. Call (830) 263-1555 or visit Delhi Volunteer Fire Department on Facebook. 100% proceeds to benefit Delhi VFD.

### Bastrop VFW Post 12104

Meetings are held the first Sunday of each month, temporarily, at the Bastrop American Legion, 3003 E Loop 150, at 2:00 p.m.

### Bastrop County Veterans Honor Guard

Meetings are held the first Saturday of each month at the Smithville VFW at 10 a.m. "We served with honor" now "We honor those who served."

### Bastrop County Audubon Society

Meetings held third Tuesday of the month (excluding July & August) in Community Room of the First National Bank at 489 Texas 71 W., Bastrop. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.; please arrive by 6:45 p.m. Visit [www.bastropcountyaudubon.org](http://www.bastropcountyaudubon.org).

### Elgin VFW 6115

1st Friday Fish Fry 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Free Texas Hold'em game starts at 6:30 p.m. Thursday Bingo doors open at 6:30 p.m.; Games at 7:30 p.m. Friday Karaoke starts at 8:00 p.m.

### Ernest Bartsch VFW 2527, Rockne

Post and Auxiliary meetings are held the second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Bingo Wednesday – Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; Games start at 7:30 p.m. Located at 1503 FM 20 in Rockne, 10 miles SW of Bastrop. Hall for rent; call (512) 321-2610 for information.

### Lost Pines Leathernecks Detachment 1384

Marine Corps League in Bastrop County meets third Sunday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Bastrop American Legion Post. Good meal following meeting provided by members.

### Pilot Knob VFW 8925

Monthly Country Dance held the second Sunday of each month, 3:00-7:00 p.m. Admission and food \$6. Located on FM 812 near 183 South.

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## Congratulations Aqua Scholarship Winners!

Aqua is pleased to announce the 2019 recipients of the Ernest W. Bracewell, Sr. Memorial Scholarship

Program. Each selected applicant will receive scholarship assistance to help support the continuing education

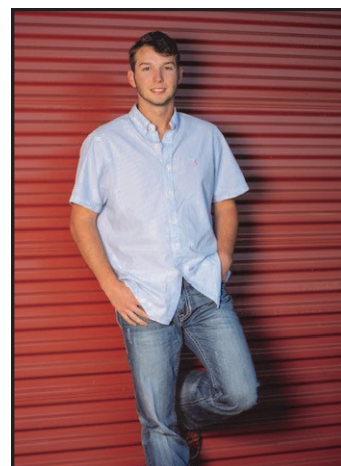
goals of our members.

Congratulations to all of this year's winners!

**Sarah Cadena** graduated from Bastrop High School in June 2019. She plans to attend Wake Forest University to major in Theatre and Communications with a minor in Spanish. Sarah is the daughter of Tabitha and Luis Cadena of Bastrop.



**Tanner Hanna** is a recent graduate of Bastrop High School. He plans to attend Texas A&M University's School of Engineering in College Station to pursue a degree in Petroleum Engineering. Tanner is the son of Melissa and Mark Hanna of Bastrop.



**Caitlin Duty** currently attends Mays Business School at Texas A&M University in College Station. She is pursuing a degree in Business Administration in Accounting. Caitlin is the daughter of Jimmy and Lisa Duty of Rosanky.



**Erica Masi** graduated from Hendrickson High School in June of this year. She plans to attend Texas A&M University in pursuit of a degree in Forensic and Investigative Sciences. Erica is the daughter of Barbara and Christopher Masi of Pflugerville.



**Gabriela Gonzales** graduated from Cedar Creek High School in June 2019. She plans to study Neuroscience at the University of Texas at Austin. Gabriela is the daughter of Manuel and Isela Chairez of Cedar Creek.



**Jacob Neidig** graduated valedictorian from Elgin High School in June 2019. He plans to attend Stanford University to major in Economics and Political Science. Jacob is the son of Juanita Valarie and Harlan Neidig of Elgin.





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