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It has been utilized for centuries across the globe. Native Americans and early settlers relied on it for drinking, landscape watering and agricultural uses. What is it? Rain water harvesting.

Want to learn how to capture some of that rainy day water for use in the hot summer months ahead? **Learn Green to Live Green – “Rain Water Harvesting: Every Drop Counts!”** will teach residents how to start and where to find materials for rain water harvesting in Texas.

Free to the public, the class will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. on Monday, May 18 at the Maribelle M. Davis Library located at 7501-B Independence Pkwy. in Plano. Speaker Erin Hoffer, City of Plano Environmental Educator and Rain Water Harvesting Specialist, will share the benefits of rain water harvesting and demonstrate how to set up a system in your backyard.

Harvesting rain water offers many advantages: it conserves municipal and well water, it is free, it is low in salts and good for plants, and it can reduce flooding and erosion. Rain water also provides an excellent primary, supplementary or alternative source of water.

“Because rainfall is so beneficial and a precious resource, property owners should capture as much rainwater as possible before it runs down the street,” Hoffer says. “But harvesting systems don’t have to be expensive or complicated. It’s easy to get started and use local resources in economical, sustainable ways.”

The Learn Green to Live Green series is a partnership between the Plano Libraries and the Environmental Education and Community Outreach Division. For more information, contact Deb Bliss at (972) 769-4313 or visit www.livegreeninplano.com.

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