

Rainwater Harvesting

OVERVIEW, DESIGN, INSTALL,
MAINTENANCE, RAIN GARDEN TIE-IN,
MARKETING



Who We Are









Wildlife Management

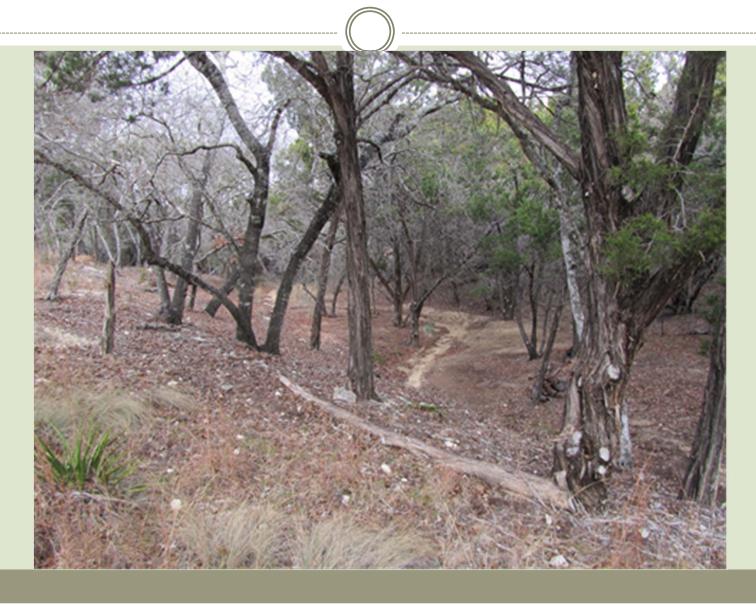






Keep your Water on Your Property Texas Metal Tanks





State of Water - Worldwide



The New York Times

Dangerously Low on Water, Cape Town Now Faces 'Day Zero'

Leer en español

By NORIMITSU ONISHI and SOMINI SENGUPTA JAN. 30, 2018













Cape Town Receives 0.03"





① 10 February 2018













11 Cities Most Likely to Run Out of Drinking Water



- 1. Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 2. Bangalore, India
- 3. Beijing, China
- 4. Cairo, Egypt
- 5. Jakarta, Indonesia
- 6. Moscow, Russia
- 7. Istanbul, Turkey
- 8. Mexico City, Mexico
- 9. London, England
- 10. Tokyo, Japan
- 11. Miami, Florida



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Colorado snowpack worst in more than 30 years...



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AAron Ontiveroz, The Denver Post

A relatively dry view from the south side of Kenosha pass along Highway 285 near Jefferson on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018. Colorado is experiencing a record low snowfall during the 2017-18 winter season.



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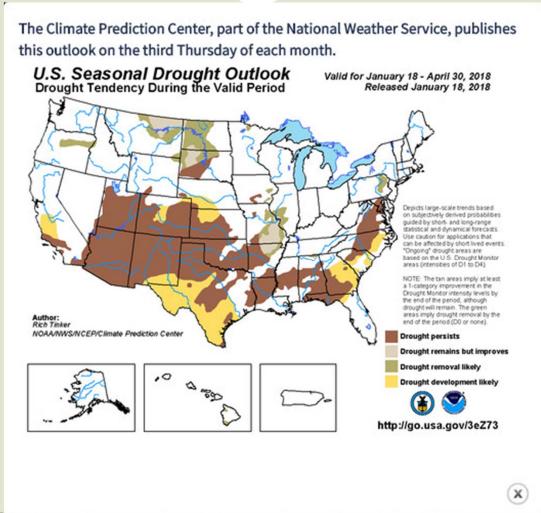
Dry conditions on top of Monarch Pass, which sits at 11,312 feet above sea level, as seen on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018.



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State of Water - Texas



Drought returns to Texas just months after Hurricane Harvey floods ...

The Texas Tribune

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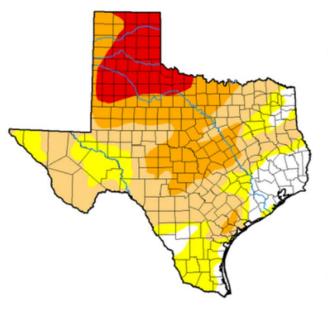




U.S. Drought Monitor - Texas

As of February 13, 2018

Author: Eric Luebehusen, U.S. Department of Agriculture



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

Week	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current 2/13/2018	10.26%	89.74%	71.22%	37.56%	13.07%	0.00%
Last Week 2/06/2018	9.76%	90.24%	64.88%	29.56%	11.79%	0.00%
Three Months Ago 11/14/2017	54.34%	45.66%	15.26%	0.97%	0.00%	0.00%
Start of Calendar Year 1/02/2018	33.37%	66.63%	33,56%	5.94%	0.11%	0.00%
One Year Ago 2/14/2017	88.14%	11.86%	3.69%	1.26%	0.53%	0.00%

Drought Intensities

None: No Drought
D0: Abnormally Dry

D2:

D1: Moderate Drought D2: Severe Drought









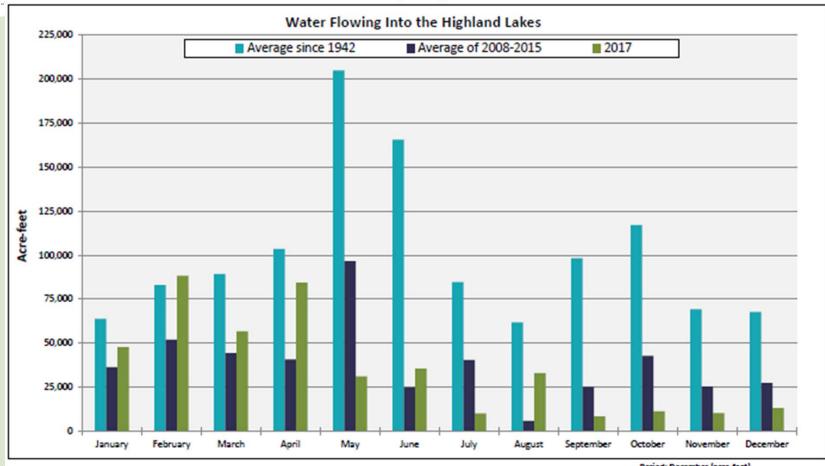


http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/

State of Water - Texas







 Inflows: the estimated amount of water flowing into the Highland Lakes from rivers and streams.

Data for 2016 and 2017 is preliminary and subject to change.

Period: December (acre-feet)

Since 1942, December Average: 67,763 2008-2015, December Average: 27,240 December 2017: 13,071

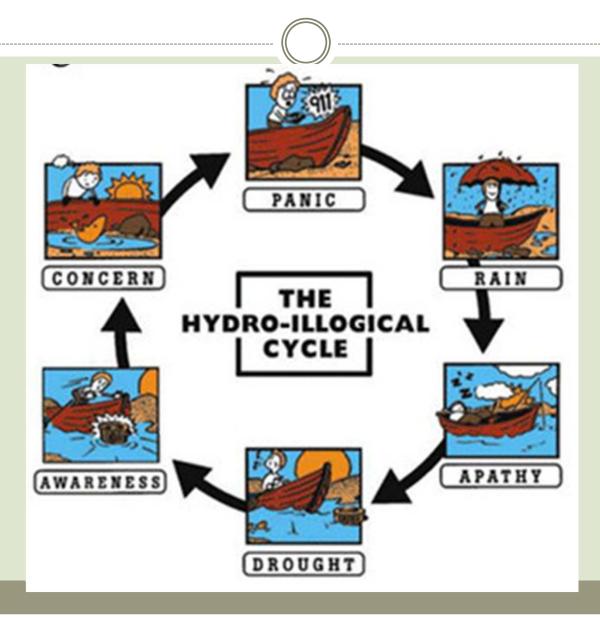
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Where Are We Now?







Why Manage your Rainwater?

- It's free
- There's a lot more of it than you might think
- Plants love rainwater
- You can create beautiful rainwater gardens
- Reduces demand on city water
- Prevents storm water run off
- You can create a watershed on your property
- You've got an emergency source of water
- It's not that difficult to collect /harvest /manage
- It's the future and the future is now



Rainwater Harvesting

- Pre-design
- Design
- Installation
- Maintenance



Pre-Design Considerations



- What is the water going to be used for?
- How much can you collect?
- How much space do you have?
- Are you applying for a rebate?
- HOA regulations?
- Permitting



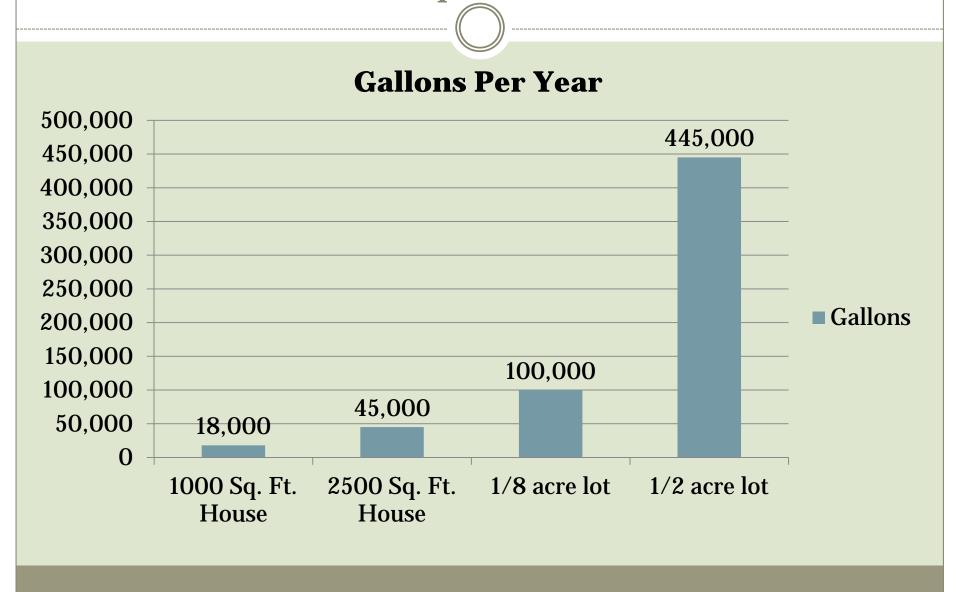
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Pre-design: Water Use

- How much rainwater do you need?
- In 2015 we got 59" of rain, but still went 60 days without a drop.
- Gardens and flowerbeds connected to drip irrigation systems use several gallons per hour.
- A sprinkler head uses 3 5 gallons per minute.

Pre-design: How Much Can I Capture?





Pre-Design Considerations



Space constraints

- Fences
- Gates
- Tree limbs
- Eaves
- Power lines
- Roof height



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Pre-design: Rebates

- Austin, Round Rock, San Marcos all have rebates
- For Austin, < 500 gallons submit receipt
- For Austin, > 500 gallons pre-approval required
- \$0.50 / gallon no pump
- \$1.00 / gallon pump





Pre-design: HOA Restrictions

 Great news! In 2013 the Texas Legislature passed a law prohibiting HOA's from banning rainwater collection systems.

They might limit location



Pre-design: Budget



- Plastic tanks \$
- Galvanized tanks \$\$
- Stainless steel tanks \$\$\$\$
- Installation simple vs. complex



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Design: Sizing a System

Second, supply:

- Per 1000 square feet of covered spaced, a 1" rain generates 600 gallons of water.
- Plan for a 2 3" rain event (7 in 2017)



 Thus on a 1000 square foot roof 1200 – 1800 gallons of storage capacity appropriate

Design: Filters



- Keep leaves and debris out of the tank!
 - Gutter screens
 - Leafeater
 - Screened basket
 - First flush diverter





Design: Inlet and Overflow



• Wet vs. Dry





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Design: Outlet

- $\frac{3}{4}$ " 2" outlets
- Bulkhead connections are threaded all the way through.



Design: Pumps



- \$80 \$2000 solutions
- Sump
- On demand
- Submersible
- Solar



Installation



- Create a pad
- Set tank on pad
- Connect to gutters
- Add an overflow
- Add spigot
- Paint PVC
- Secure the top



Pad Options







Maintenance

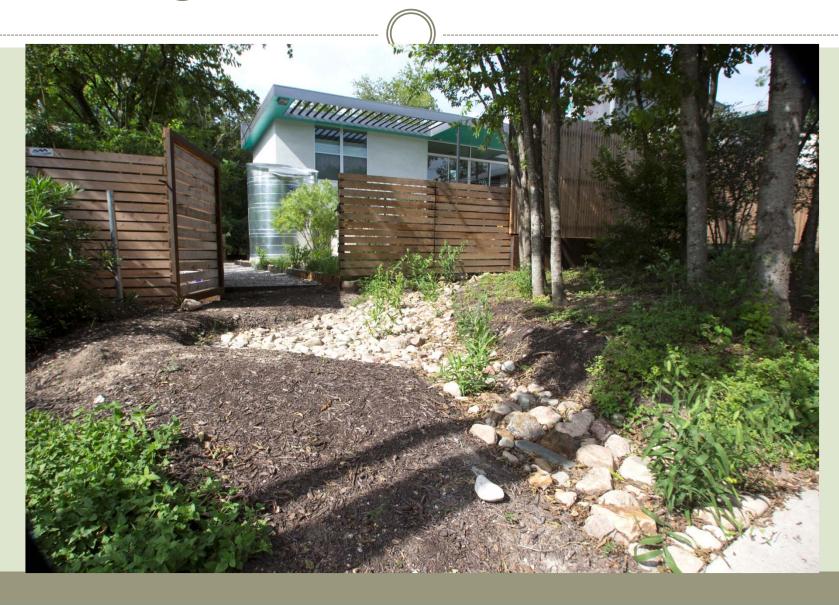
- None!
- If you do a good job with keeping leaves and debris out of the tank the tank should not ever need maintenance.
- Top can be removed
- Basket inlet needs to stay clean
- Clean out first flush diverter

FAQ's



- Mosquitoes
- Algae
- Extra fittings
- Custom sizes
- Cedar wrapping
- Well use
- Tax exempt
- Tank level







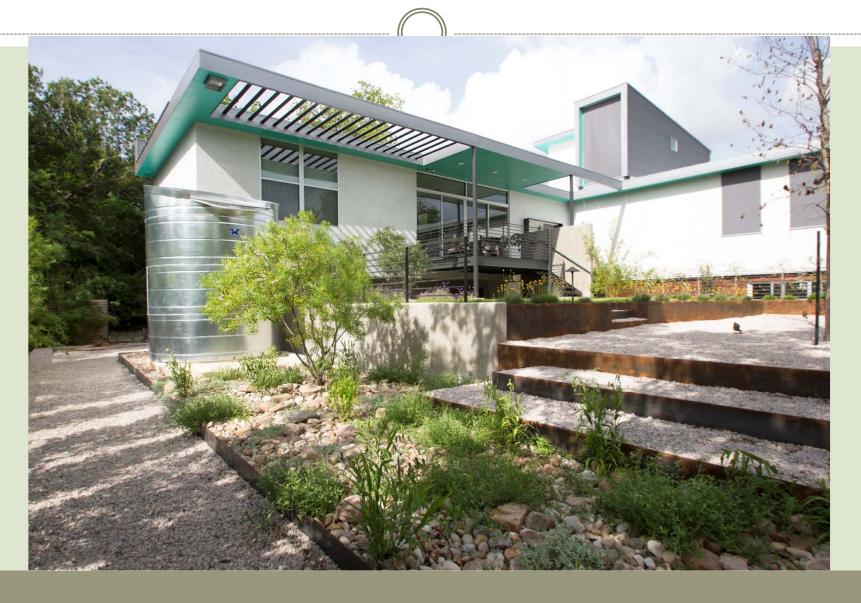












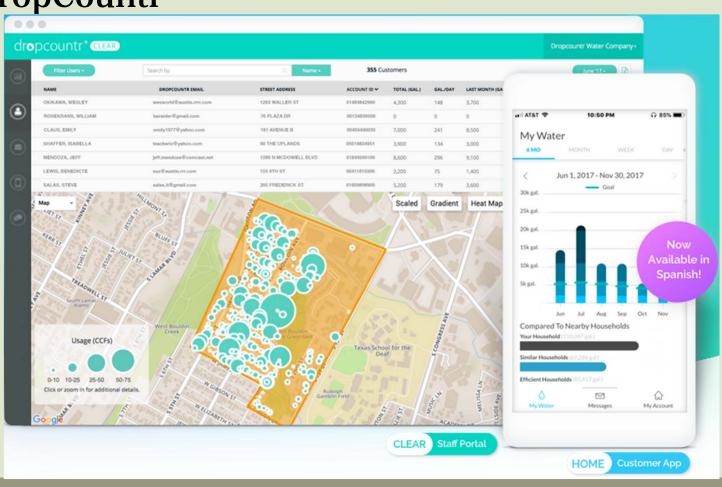




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- Next week we are breaking ground on our first rain garden.
- We sell on benefits:
 - Beauty blooming plants nine months of the year
 - Wildlife friendly, good for hummingbirds, butterflies, and other pollinators
 - Environmentally friendly we only use native or adapted plants recommended by City of Austin and Wildflower Center
 - Good for the environment you are preventing stormwater runoff. You are keeping your water on your land. You are creating your own little watershed.

Questions?



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