



**Barton Springs
Edwards Aquifer**
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Aquifer District Promotes National Groundwater Awareness Week

(Austin) This week is National Groundwater Awareness Week, running from March 11 through March 17, 2012. Groundwater is one of our most precious yet most vulnerable natural resources. Over 60,000 people in Central Texas rely on water from the Edwards and Trinity Aquifers within the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District. Careful planning and management along with good stewardship are key to protecting this vital resource. In recognition of National Groundwater Awareness Week, the Aquifer District is specifically promoting several programs that highlight the importance of groundwater in our area.

[Water Well Check-Up](#)

In collaboration with Blanco and Hays County Offices of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, and the Texas Water Resources Institute, and with support from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the District is encouraging private well owners to test their well water. Analysis tests water samples for fecal coliform bacteria, nitrates, and salinity, and the cost is a very low \$10 a sample. Water samples must be taken in approved sample containers and should be turned in by 10:00 a.m. on April 16. A meeting explaining screening results will be held at 6:00 p.m. on April 17, 2012, at the Dripping Springs Vocational Agriculture Building. For more information visit: www.bseacd.org/education/water-well-check-up

[Central Texas Water Conservation Symposium: Managing Your Resources Through a Drought](#)

As a partner in the Water Efficiency Network of Central Texas, the District is helping sponsor the second annual “Water Conservation Symposium: Managing Your Resources through a Drought,” to be held on Friday, March 30th from 8:30-3:00. The symposium is oriented toward water providers and will discuss tried-and-true drought management strategies that work, water supply and weather outlooks, strategies to achieve revenue stability during drought, approaches to partner with homeowner associations to achieve water savings, tactics to retain trees through drought conditions, and fire protection strategies, especially for wildland-urban interface areas. For more information visit: www.texaswater.org

[BSEACD College and Camp Scholarships](#)

To promote and encourage groundwater awareness, each year the District, in collaboration with our permittees, offers scholarships for two age groups. One \$2,500 Kent Butler Memorial College Scholarship and multiple camp scholarships to the Edwards Aquifer Research and Data Center's summer camp programs (both 2-day and 5-day camps) will be awarded. Application materials are due Monday, March 26th. For more information visit: www.bseacd.org/education/scholarships

Groundwater is a shared resource. Groundwater conservation, protection, and management has to be a coordinated effort. Through droughts and floods, we are all in this together.

BSEACD is a groundwater conservation district charged by the Texas Legislature to preserve, conserve, and protect the aquifers and groundwater resources within its jurisdiction, which includes parts of three Central Texas counties. It is governed by a Board of five elected directors and staffed with hydrogeologists, groundwater regulatory compliance specialists, environmental educators, geospatial systems specialists, and administrative support personnel.

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