

Water well owner training set for June 8 in Falfurrias

FALFURRIAS — A [Texas Well Owner Network](#), or TWON, training has been scheduled for June 8 in Falfurrias. Well owners can also bring a sample of their well water on June 7 before for training.

The Well Educated training, which is free and open to the public, will be held Wednesday, June 8, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. at the [Brush Country Groundwater Conservation](#), 732 W. Rice, Falfurrias. A light lunch will be provided following the training.

Joel Pigg, [Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service](#) program specialist and TWON coordinator, College Station, said the TWON program is for Texas residents who depend on household wells for their water needs.

“The program was established to help well owners become familiar with Texas groundwater resources, septic system maintenance, well maintenance and construction, and water quality and treatment,” he said. “It allows them to learn more about how to improve and protect their community water resources.”

Well owners who would like to have their well water tested can pick up three sample containers and collection instructions in the week before the event from the [AgriLife Extension office in Brooks County, 219 S. Calixto Mora Ave., Falfurrias](#) or the [AgriLife Extension office in Jim Hogg County](#), 109 E. Santa Clara Street, Hebbronville; or the [AgriLife Extension office in Jim Wells County](#), 200 N. Almond Street, B110, Alice; [Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District](#) office, 365 La Parra Ave., Sarita; or the [Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District](#) Office 732 W. Rice, Falfurrias.

[RSVP: Please RSVP to the Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District at 361-325-5093 by Friday, June 3, 2022 if you plan to attend the training.](#)

Sample drop-off will be, Tuesday, June 7, from 8:30–10:00 a.m. at the Brooks County Extension office, Jim Hogg County Extension Office, Jim Wells County Extension Office, Brush County GCD Office or Kenedy County GCD Office. Samples will be screened for nitrates, total dissolved solids, arsenic and bacteria. The Wednesday, June 8 meeting in Falfurrias will include information explaining the results.

Attendees can register on the [Texas Well Owner Network](#) website or by calling 979-845-1461.

“The training is one of several being conducted statewide through the Texas Well Owner Network project,” Pigg said. “The core content of this program is the same as other trainings, but the information is tailored to local water quality issues and aquifers.”

More than a million private water wells in Texas provide water to citizens in rural areas and increasingly to those living on small acreages at the growing rural-urban interface. Private well owners are independently responsible for monitoring the quality of their wells.

“They are responsible for all aspects of ensuring their drinking water system is safe — testing, inspecting, maintaining it,” Pigg said. “This training will help private well owners to understand and care for their wells.”

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