

# The Geronimo Flow



## A Note from the Watershed Coordinator

We are excited to announce that our face-to-face programs are back! The Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed Partnership has been working closely with the Guadalupe AgriLife Extension Office, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, and Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center to bring the following programs in the watershed:

- 💧 Homeowner Maintenance of Septic Systems;
- 💧 Healthy Lawns & Healthy Waters;
- 💧 Texas Well Owner Network, and
- 💧 Low Impact Development workshop.

News and updates on the implementation of the Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed Protection Plan will be shared at each of these programs. Scroll down for details!

One easy way to stay informed about the upcoming events is to follow us on [Facebook](#). You can also visit our website at [www.geronimocreek.org](http://www.geronimocreek.org) to learn more about the Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed Protection Plan and our programs.

I look forward to meeting you in person!

*Evgenia*

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## Homeowner Maintenance of Septic Systems

The Homeowner Maintenance of Septic Systems course focuses on the operation and maintenance of conventional and aerobic septic systems. Upon completion, homeowners in Guadalupe County can receive **certification to maintain their own septic system**. To register for this free workshop, please contact Evgenia Spears at [Geronimo.Alligator@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Geronimo.Alligator@ag.tamu.edu) or (979) 845-2862. More information can be found [here](#).

# HOMEOWNER MAINTENANCE OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS

August 18, 2021  
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## Interested in learning how to keep your septic system functioning properly?

This course is for you! The Homeowner Maintenance of Septic Systems course provides a basic understanding of the operational and maintenance activities of conventional and aerobic septic systems, with a focus on aerobic systems, and explains how activities within the home impact septic systems. Upon completion of this course, homeowners in Guadalupe County can become **certified to maintain their own septic system**.

### Registration and Details

**Cost:** Free!

**Location:** Guadalupe County AgriLife Extension Office, 210 E. Live Oak Street, Seguin, TX 78155

**Lunch:** On your own

**To register:** Contact Evgenia Spears at [Geronimo.Alligator@tam.u.edu](mailto:Geronimo.Alligator@tam.u.edu)

**Seating is limited!**

*Funding for this effort is provided through a federal Clean Water Act 319(h) Nonpoint Source Grant administered by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.*

### Topics

- Treatment processes
- Health and safety
- Inspecting your system
- Operation and maintenance of septic systems
- Septic systems FAQs

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## Virtual Homeowner Maintenance of Septic Systems Course

Can't attend the in-person program? No problem! You can complete the Homeowner Maintenance of Septic Systems course [online](#) at any time! Once registered, you will have 30 days to finish this class.

The Guadalupe County Environmental Health Office accepts this course for certification. If you reside in a county other than Guadalupe, please contact your TCEQ authorized agent to verify if the online format is sufficient to grant you certification.



### COURSE INFORMATION

An aerobic septic system, or aerobic treatment unit (ATU), uses oxygen to breakdown both dissolved and solid constituents into gases, cell mass, and non-degradable material contained in wastewater. This online course will teach you how to properly maintain and operate your ATU.

#### Topics

- Understand the basic operation and maintenance activities for an ATU
- Be a better consumer in the onsite wastewater treatment industry
- Have the knowledge needed to understand and communicate with maintenance providers

#### Course Details

**Cost:** \$150

**Duration:** 30 days from sign-up date

To register, go to [tx.ag/EnrollAerobicTreatment](https://tx.ag/EnrollAerobicTreatment) and click "Enroll Now"

Available to Texans in approved counties starting **April 1.**

Visit [tx.ag/HomeAerobicTreatmentSystems](https://tx.ag/HomeAerobicTreatmentSystems) for more information.



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## Healthy Lawns and Healthy Waters

The Healthy Lawns and Healthy Waters program aims to improve and protect surface water quality by enhancing awareness and knowledge of best management practices for residential landscape. The topics will include: rainwater harvesting techniques for homeowners, and lawn and management irrigation practices.

This course offers **free soil testing**! You can submit a soil test by picking up and dropping off a soil sample and Urban Information sheet at the AgriLife Extension offices in Comal and Guadalupe Counties prior to or by one week after the meeting. You can also bring your soil sample to the training. Details are available [here](#).

RSVP [here](#) or contact John Smith at [johnsmith@tamu.edu](mailto:johnsmith@tamu.edu) or (979) 204-0573.



### Healthy Lawns and Healthy Waters

#### Rainwater harvesting and turf management in-person training Sept 23

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Healthy Lawns and Healthy Waters will host a residential rainwater harvesting and turf management training September 23 for Comal and Guadalupe Counties.

The free event will be a hybrid in-person and Zoom online event held from 8:30 am-12:30 p.m. The in-person training will be held at the Seguin Outdoor Learning Center, 1865 US 90, Seguin.

Attendees can RSVP [online](#) or contact John Smith, AgriLife Extension program specialist, College Station, at [johnsmith@tamu.edu](mailto:johnsmith@tamu.edu) or 979-204-0573. Those who RSVP to the event will receive updates, instructions to join the online version of the meeting and materials related to the meeting via email. Both in person and Zoom attendees need to register online.

The training is offered in collaboration with the Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed Partnership.

Attendees can submit a soil test by picking up and dropping their soil sample and Urban Information sheet off to the AgriLife Extension offices in Comal or Guadalupe Counties prior to or by one week after the meeting. They can also bring their soil sample to the training.

The training will include information on how to understand soil test results and nutrient recommendations so residents can interpret results once the analysis is mailed to them.

#### RSVP:

<https://hlhw.tamu.edu/workshops/2021/september-23-alligator-and-geronimo-creeks-comal-and-guadalupe-counties/>

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### Save the Date!

**Texas Well Owner Network** is a one-day educational training for Texas residents who depend on household wells for their water needs. If you want to learn more about groundwater resources and water quality, wastewater treatment, and maintenance of septic systems and wells, this program is for you! Additionally, you may bring your **well water samples** to the workshop to be screened for nitrate, total dissolved solids, and *E.coli* bacteria. Check back for details at our [website](#) or [Facebook](#).

**Texas Well Owner Network**  
**Thursday, November 4, 2021**  
**Guadalupe County Extension Office**



**Low Impact Development** workshop is a program that focuses on the design and function of various low impact development structures and practices. What can we do to improve local water quality in urban settings? Save the date to join Dr. Fouad Jaber as he discusses the latest low impact development systems and techniques, including rain gardens, rainwater harvesting, pervious pavement, and green roofs. Check back for details at our [website](#) or [Facebook](#).

**Low Impact Development**  
**Wednesday, December 1, 2021**  
**8 a.m.-12 p.m.**  
**Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center**

Interested in attending our events?

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