

Honolulu Board of Water Supply

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BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY LAUNCHES FREE XERIC SEED PROGRAM AT THE HALAWA XERISCAPE GARDEN

Complimentary seedlings are available for pick up on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

HONOLULU--The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) and the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden are pleased to offer visitors a free xeric (dry) seed or seedling of the month at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden. The community is invited to visit the garden on Wednesdays and Saturdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to receive a complimentary seed packet and an information sheet about their future plant's origin, care and interesting facts. Xeric plants use less water than most garden plants.

For the month of September, visitors will receive a unique xeric herb mix packet containing basil, dill, marjoram, and savory seeds. Once established, this assortment of fragrant herbs may be used for cooking or can be incorporated into a garden as a natural pest repellent and attractant for pollinators. Visitors receive one packet per household, while supplies last. Garden enthusiasts are invited to drop by the Halawa Xeriscape Garden each month to see what other xeric seeds and seedlings will be available. The new seed or seedling of the month will be unveiled on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BWSHonolulu and Twitter at [@BWSHonolulu](https://twitter.com/BWSHonolulu).

The BWS and the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden have welcomed guests for landscaping workshops, garden tours, and an annual plant sale featuring native Hawaiian and drought-tolerant (or unthirsty) plants since the garden opened in September 1989. Xeriscaping is based on seven principles that promote planning, planting, and maintaining a garden that takes advantage of natural climate conditions to make efficient use of irrigation.

The garden is located a 99-1268 Iwaena Street in Halawa Valley's Central Industrial Area. For more information about the Halawa Xeriscape Garden and the workshops offered, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com or call 748-5041.

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