

Honolulu Board of Water Supply

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27th ANNUAL HALAWA XERISCAPE GARDEN OPEN HOUSE AND UNTHIRSTY PLANT SALE ATTRACTS THOUSANDS

Event promotes outdoor water conservation to help customers save on their water bill

HONOLULU – The Board of Water Supply (BWS) held its 27th annual Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale today from 9 am to 3 pm at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden. This free event focused on xeriscape, an innovative way to conserve water through efficient landscaping. Xeriscaping is based on seven fundamental principles that serve as guidelines on how to plan, plant and maintain a garden that takes advantage of natural climate conditions to make efficient use of irrigation. By incorporating xeriscaping techniques BWS customers can reduce water consumption, which equals to money saved!

“The Plant Sale is just one of the many ways the BWS shows its dedication to provide the community with opportunities to learn and embrace techniques to conserve our precious water resources,” said BWS Chairman Duane Miyashiro. “The activities at the Plant Sale will show people they can have beautiful green gardens, while using less water.”

Highlights:

- More than a dozen local nurseries offered a variety of drought-tolerant, less-thirsty plants at reasonable prices.
- Educational workshops and classes on earth friendly home gardening techniques.
- Keiki activities included games, keiki garden planting and face painting.
- Instagram photo contest.
- Cactus display from the Cactus and Succulent Society of Hawaii.
- Free compost giveaway courtesy of Hawaiian Earth Products.

“The BWS is thankful to be able to continue our partnership with the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden to put on this wonderful event,” said BWS Manager and Chief Engineer Ernest Lau. “This is a valuable partnership that helps residents and visitors alike take strides to preserve our precious water supply now and for future generations.”

Proceeds from the plant sale will support educational programs and classes at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden. The open house is co-sponsored by the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden, a non-profit community group that supports educational programs related to water conservation in the landscape.

About the Board of Water Supply

The BWS, a semi-autonomous agency of the City and County of Honolulu, manages Oahu’s municipal water resources and distribution system. As the largest water utility in the State, the BWS serves approximately one million customers on Oahu. The BWS embraces its mission of “Water for Life – *Ka Wai Ola*”—to provide a safe and dependable water supply, now and into the future. The BWS works to accomplish its mission and strategic objectives while striving to maintain the public trust to protect the quality and sustainability of our precious water resources. *Uwē ka lani, ola ka honua* – “When the heavens weep, the earth lives.” For more information, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.

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