



CITY OF  
**ARROYO GRANDE**  
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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Rainwater Catchment Workshop – Rebates Available**

ARROYO GRANDE, CALIFORNIA – The public is invited to learn more about using rainwater as a resource. On March 3, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the City of Arroyo Grande Council Chambers (215 E. Branch Street) there will be a FREE workshop on rainwater catchment. The workshop will cover information about how you can participate in the StormRewards Rebate Program, ways you can capture and reuse stormwater, ocean friendly landscaping, rain gardens and permeable pavers. Light refreshments will be served.

One of the resources available is a rebate program for residents of San Luis Obispo, Arroyo Grande or Nipomo. Rebates up to \$999 will be available for installing a Best Management Practice (BMP) on private property. Projects can be as simple as installing a rain garden, porous pavers, directing roof runoff to landscaped areas or planting trees. Engineered recommendations for your site are provided free-of-charge, focusing on your specific landscaping and stormwater runoff needs. Learn more about the program at [www.StormRewards.org](http://www.StormRewards.org) or by calling the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District at 805.772.4391. Funding for this project has been provided in full or in part through an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board.

Connected solid surfaces such as pavement and rooftops, typical in a city block, generates more than 5 times more runoff than a woodland area of the same size. This excessive runoff collects urban pollutants along the way, taking contaminants directly into our streams and oceans. Urbanization increases the variety and amount of toxins transported directly into creeks. These pollutants can harm fish and wildlife, kill native vegetation, foul drinking water supplies, and make recreational areas unsafe. By using Best Management Practices, stormwater is contained on your property, allowing it time to soak into the ground, saving money on water bills and keeping possible pollutants out of streams & oceans. Please contact Kelly Heffernon at (805) 473-5425 or [kheffernon@arroyogrande](mailto:kheffernon@arroyogrande) to sign up for the workshop.

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