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Homeowner Septic System Workshop slated for Nov. 13 in New Braunfels

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NEW BRAUNFELS – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority and Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board will present a Homeowner Septic System Workshop from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 13th in New Braunfels.

The no-cost workshop will be held at the AgriLife Extension office for Comal County, 325 Resource Dr.

"The course will provide a basic understanding of the operational and maintenance activities of conventional and aerobic septic systems," said Ward Ling, AgriLife Extension program specialist, College Station. "It will not certify individuals to maintain their septic system, but will provide a very good introduction to overall system function and maintenance."

Ling said topics covered will include treatment processes, health and safety considerations, an overview of how to inspect and maintain the system, and instruction on how activities in the home can impact the system.

"The course provides answers to some of the most frequently asked questions, including when to pump out a tank and what can and cannot go down the drain," he said.

Seating is limited, so registration is required to reserve a seat. To register, contact Ling at 979-845-6980 or wling@ag.tamu.edu

Ling noted that Comal County residents have a two-year requirement after system installation to have a maintenance contract with a licensed service provider.

"However, after that time, the homeowner is not required to be certified in order to maintain their own system," he said. "But homeowners may still benefit from taking the more extensive maintenance provider course that would also lead to certification."

Septic system owners wishing to become certified should consult the Texas Onsite Wastewater Association website to view the schedule for the 16-hour Basic Maintenance Provider Course, which is the only course that will certify them to maintain their system.

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