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Storm Water Quality Management 2016 Fourth Quarter Newsletter



2016 EPA Region 6 Stormwater Conference

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In October, Oklahoma City hosted the 18th Annual EPA Stormwater Conference in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Texas A&M University-Kingsville and the States of Region 6.

Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett kicked off the conference on Tuesday morning. Keynote speakers throughout the week included Debra Nagle, Barry Fagan, Newton Tedder, and Dr. Anand D. Jayakaran.

Registration totaled 331 along with 32 conference sponsors and exhibitors. Attendees received information and training on construction and industrial inspections, program funding, TMDLs, storm water monitoring, and Low Impact Development strategies. The 3-day conference closed with a General Session on Federal, State, and Local enforcement techniques.

Planning is already underway for the 2017 conference which appears to be heading to San Antonio, Texas. More details will be forthcoming.

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Oklahoma River Cleanup

The City of Oklahoma City hosted a special litter collection event at the Oklahoma River on October 15th. Volunteers from Boeing Aircraft along with OKC Stormwater Quality staff, collected over 1,300 pounds of trash in only a couple of hours!

All storm drains flow directly to local waterways without being treated. Any substance that goes into a storm drain goes directly into a local stream. Streams are everywhere! Chances are, you have one in your own backyard or live within minutes of a local waterway.



Have you ever noticed litter accumulating on the banks of your local river or stream? It takes away from the health and beauty of the waterway.

Well, you can do something about it. By participating in a waterway cleanup effort with friends, neighbors, or co-workers, you can help make your river or stream safer for wildlife and people.

OKC Stormwater Quality can help you plan and manage your own river cleanup. We provide supplies, equipment, and help you select a location that would best fit your group's needs.

If interested, contact Andrea Shelton at (405) 297-1797 or andrea.shelton@okc.gov.



Industrial Workshop - Fall 2016

The Storm Water Quality Fall Industrial Workshop was held on October 25th and 26th at the Lincoln Park Golf Course Clubhouse Banquet Room. Those in attendance were informed of the most current rules, regulations, and visual monitoring techniques. Attendees also received instruction regarding building a new program or fine-tuning an existing program. There were a total of 149 in attendance for both days. **The next workshop will be held on March 29 and 30, 2017.**

For workshop registration information, email andrea.shelton@okc.gov



Malarkey Roofing Products received the 2016 Storm Water Quality Achievement Award

Winter Storm Water Tips

Stormwater pollution is a year-round concern. Municipalities and residents use sand and salt to control roadway and sidewalk issues but after the ice melts the remaining materials can enter into our local waterways and pose a threat to the health of our streams and aquatic life.

Please consider the following tips to manage snow and ice:

- Shovel early. The more snow and ice you remove, the less salt you will need.
- Dispose of shoveled snow in vegetated areas; never dump in streets or streams.
- More salt does not mean more melting. Apply appropriately, salt takes time to work. Consider using a hand-held spreader to apply a consistent amount and sweep up excess salt.
- Use safe and effective alternatives in appropriate amounts. Sand and kitty litter are effective but can clog sewers and degrade aquatic habitats when washed away. Also consider salt-free de-icer.



COSWA Rain Barrel Promotion

The Central Oklahoma Storm Water Alliance (COSWA) is hosting a rain barrel promotion event featuring rain barrels starting at just \$63.00 (includes \$2.50 handling fee).

Rain barrel use promotes conservation efforts by harvesting rainwater for many uses such as:

- Water for flowers, trees, shrubs, lawn, and garden
- Wash your car
- Rinse tools or muddy boots
- Wash house windows

Rain barrels also help reduce stormwater pollution and conserves our community's water resources.



To place an order, visit one of the websites below. You can order from the municipality that is the most convenient for you. It doesn't matter where you live. For order deadlines, please visit individual webpages.

Yukon (405) 350-8930

www.upcyclerrainbarrel.com/yukonok.html

March 9th and 10th

Edmond (405) 359-4763

www.upcyclerrainbarrel.com/edmondok.html

March 10th and 11th

Midwest City (405) 739-1040

www.upcyclerrainbarrel.com/mwcok.html

March 31st and April 1st

Norman (405) 366-5435

www.upcyclerrainbarrel.com/normanok.html

March 31st and April 1st

Oklahoma City (405) 297-1797

www.upcyclerrainbarrel.com/okcok.html

April 14th and 15th

Trunk or Treat

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www.okc.gov/SWQ



The City of Oklahoma City hosted the 3rd Annual 'Trunk or Treat' event for City employees and their families on October 27th at the Police and Fire Training Center. More than 500 children and parents attended. City employees from various departments distributed candy and gave kids a close-up look at police cars, fire trucks, and construction equipment. Kids even had the chance to meet the Storm Water mascot 'Wayne Drop'! A special thank you to employees who donated candy and volunteered their time to make this a successful event.



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