



The Houston-Galveston Area Council invites you and your colleagues to the

## Environmental Awareness Roundtable: YardWise

**Tuesday, July 22, 2008**

9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

[H-GAC Conference Room A](#)

3555 Timmons Lane

Houston, Texas 77027

The yard is the environment over which we have the most control. The ecological effects of lawns and gardens include taking up landfill space with yard trimmings, using millions of gallons of city-treated water to irrigate landscapes, and eroding soils that are unable to absorb the water.

- Homeowners and landscapers apply about 90 percent of the pesticides used in the U.S., while farming accounts for only about 10 percent.
- Turf grass in lawns and other green spaces is more heavily irrigated than any agricultural crop, receiving as much as half of city water supplies during the long Texas warm season.
- Runoff from lawns and other urban landscapes carries topsoil and chemicals into the streams and lakes that we increasingly rely on for our drinking water. Over 200 stream segments in Texas do not meet water quality standards

Join us for the next **Environmental Awareness Roundtable** to learn about [YardWise](#), the TCEQ program that focuses educational efforts on teaching residents how to have a healthy, naturally beautiful yard that can save them time and money. This program truly is the “low hanging fruit” of environmental education and can be a perfect rallying point for environmental program coordinators across the region.

The quarterly **Environmental Awareness Roundtable** is designed to facilitate idea-sharing between city staff , county staff, and community organizations to create effective environmental awareness campaigns.

**Please RSVP by July 18, 2008. For more information or to RSVP please contact Christy (Corse) Tompkins at 832-681-2564 or email [christy.tompkins@h-gac.com](mailto:christy.tompkins@h-gac.com)**



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