

Mobile Area Water and Sewer System (MAWSS)

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ACF Offers Free Workshops on Green Living; Efforts Aimed at Protecting Water Quality

Alabama Coastal Foundation (ACF) will offer tips on living green during two free workshops scheduled May 18 and May 27, at 6 p.m., at the Semmes Public Library located at 9150 Moffett Rd. The workshops, made possible by a grant from Royal Bank of Canada's (RBC) Blue Water Project, offer home and garden advice designed to protect the environment, as well as water quality. ACF designed the workshops in partnership with Mobile Area Water and Sewer System (MAWSS) and the Coastal Alabama Clean Water Partnership as part of a watershed protection plan for Big Creek Lake, the source of Mobile's drinking water.

On May 18, representatives from the Master Gardener Program of the Alabama Cooperative's Extension Service and the Weeks Bay Reserve will offer tips for lawn and garden care. Topics covered will include gardening with native species, the use of rain gardens to control storm water runoff and the proper use of fertilizers and pesticides to protect water quality.

On May 27, Mobile County Health Department and local septic care experts will give advice on septic system care and maintenance. Kids activities related to water quality are also planned to run concurrently with the adult workshop.

Both workshops are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Alabama Coastal Foundation at 251 990-6002 or www.joinacf.org.