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## Press Release

### Rim Country Water and You!

Be part of the Master Watershed Steward Program and make a difference! If water affects your life in any way, from the quality of what you drink and recreate in to knowing there's enough for you, your neighbors, the forest and its creatures, then this class is for you!

Don't let the "technical" name scare you. This is a general education class where science is explained in simple terms (and you can ask questions!). It relates to real issues affecting people living in Payson and the Rim Country, and includes fieldtrips and hands-on activities for visual learning. What will you learn? You will receive instruction and training about:

- Water delivery & wastewater treatment  
(don't just pay the bill, know what you're buying!)
- Water Quality (Should you or the fish be drinking that?)
- Wells & Septic Tanks (please, do not mix)
- Water Harvesting (it's yours only if you can hold on to it!)
- Wildfire, fuels reduction & impacts on the environment

You can learn about the above and/or become a Steward by taking AGR 240 Water and Watersheds, offered by Gila County Community College and Gila County Cooperative Extension this fall. Classes run August 27 through December 10 every Thursday afternoon from 1:00 - 4:00pm at the Payson Campus at 201 North Mud Springs Road. Register at Gila County Community College in person, by phone at (800) 678-3808 ext. 8221, or through Gila Hank Online at [www.gilacc.org](http://www.gilacc.org).

Where and how do our Stewards help? Master Watershed Stewards are trained to work with community organizations, including watershed partnerships and various state agencies, to

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implement projects throughout Arizona to protect, monitor, maintain and restore the health of our state's watersheds.

During this 3-credit course you will learn the basics of watersheds and water resources in Arizona, including hydrology, climate, water conservation, geology, soils, ecology, water quality, and water management. Field trips include to Tonto Creek, East Verde Creek and Payson municipal water department. Classes will include hands-on lab exercises and will be taught by professionals and university faculty.

For more information about the course, contact Christopher Jones at the Gila County Cooperative Extension Office, 5515 S. Apache Avenue, Suite 600, Globe AZ 85501, or call at 928-402-8586.

