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Notice of Upcoming CSCE Event

Workshop: Design, Installation and Management of Rainwater Harvesting Systems – Special CSCE Member Rate

SPEAKER: Chris Despins, M.Sc., P.Eng., President: Connect the Drops
DATE: Thursday, February 9th, 2012
TIME: Registration begins at 8 am. Course runs from 8:30 am to 4 pm.
LOCATION: Earth Rangers Centre for Sustainable Technology
9520 Pine Valley Drive, Woodbridge, ON

LEVEL / CEUs: Level 200, 6 GBCI CE Hours

COST: CSCE members will get a discount on this workshop by entering a special promo code when purchasing the course. The promo code for CSCE members is: CSCE-RAINWATER. With this promo code, CSCE members will pay the CaGBC member rate for the workshop:

\$300 instead of \$360 if they sign up before January 26th, OR
\$325 instead of \$395 if they sign up after January 26th

Use this link to register:

<http://www.cagbc.org/source/Events/Event.cfm?EVENT=RH12TO0209§ion=Education>

The Canada Green Building Council and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority are delivering a course for anyone interested in learning about the design, installation and management of rainwater harvesting systems, including contractors, builders, designers, architects, and regulators.

The course focuses on the regulatory and technical aspects of rainwater harvesting (RWH) systems for both residential and ICI (Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional) buildings. Learners discover the keys to effective rainwater catchment and conveyance, tank selection and sizing, rainwater treatment, make-up (“top-up”) water system and backflow prevention, and handling overflows from rainwater storage tanks. Regulatory frameworks are addressed for each of these topics and each participant receives a copy of the Guidelines for Residential Rainwater Harvesting Systems.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Chris Despins is the founder and president of Connect the Drops, a business offering rainwater harvesting (RWH) consulting services. Chris is the lead author and editor of the Ontario Guidelines for Residential Rainwater Harvesting Systems and the Alberta



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Guidelines for Residential Rainwater Harvesting Systems, the first comprehensive guidelines on this topic in both provinces. Chris is also the developer of the Rainwater Harvesting Design & Costing Tool, a computer program that assists engineers, contractors and others with sizing rainwater storage tanks, sizing pump & pressure systems and providing comprehensive cost estimates of residential and ICI RWH systems.

Before founding Connect the Drops, Chris received a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering & International Development in 2008 from the University of Guelph. His Master's thesis, Building Capacity for Rainwater Harvesting in Ontario: Rainwater Quality and Performance of RWH Systems, was part of an Ontario Centres of Excellence- and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation-supported project that focused upon building capacity for rainwater harvesting in Ontario. Chris has a passion for sustainable buildings and water conservation, and has participated in numerous green home building workshops and water conservation & efficiency conferences in Canada and the United States.

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