



***Keeping the Hill Country
in Blanco County™***

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**Stage 4 Drought
Declaration in Effect**

See drought conditions map of
[Blanco County, TX | U.S. Drought
Monitor](#)

Burn Ban Status

Check [Blanco County Burn Ban
Page](#) for current status.

Call (830)868-7104
prior to burning.

Water Leak Hotlines

Save that precious water!



City of Blanco
(830)554-0716

Johnson City
(830)868-7111 Extension 2

Flood Decision Toolbox

Check current conditions at:
[Texas Water Development Board](#)



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Contact any of your Board members listed below for information and to give support. They want to hear from you!

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BCCI CommunityGathering

Its for the Birds!

Curious about birds? Watching birds is the most accessible way to enjoy wildlife. No need to travel. Just walk outside and listen! There's a good chance you will hear at least one. **But what is it?** Come learn how to tell and even use your phone for help.

Ever wonder why there seems to be more birds around in the spring? The great spring bird migration is happening right now! Come learn about this fascinating annual phenomenon which brings the beautiful Golden Cheeked Warbler and Painted bunting to name a few.

Want to attract more birds to your property? Learn how to do it and save water too.

All this and more from Highland Lakes Master Naturalist

Robin Miskimins
Tuesday, April 28
7 pm at GEM OF THE HILLS in Blanco
Doors open at 6:30 PM
Admission is free

Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District Announces Escalation to Drought Stage 4

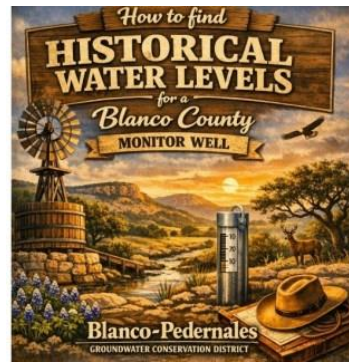
Stage 4 Restrictions and Compliance Guidelines

Conservation Goal: 50% + reduction in groundwater use

Usage Reduction Measures:

- Continue, or increase, voluntary reduction in various uses
- Check for and correct all plumbing leaks
- No outside watering of lawns, trees, shrubs, or gardens
- No vehicle washing
- No washing of buildings, driveways, streets, patios, or other outdoor surfaces except as required for human or animal health and safety needs, or for fire prevention
- Watering for dust control only when required by law
- Livestock watered in leak-proof troughs only
- Providing groundwater to ponds, lakes, tanks, reservoirs, or other surface impoundments for holding water is prohibited.

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How to view historical water levels of a Blanco County monitor well:

1. Go to the BPGCD website. www.blancogroundwatertx.gov
2. Scroll down on the main page to "Technical Data"
3. Click on District Monitor Well Data
4. Click on the "+" sign, upper left, until blue "drops" appear
5. Choose the monitor well you want to review
6. Cursor over it and an info box will open
7. Click on the little blue "water" logo next to the well I.D. number
8. That should take you to the data for the well you wanted.



April 22, 2026

Earth Day isn't just for 'tree hugging environmentalists', it is a day that everyone can do something for the planet we all share and depend on through support for environmental protection. The recent Artemis II space voyage showed us just how small and fragile our world is in the universe.

What can you do to this Earth Day to Keep the Hill Country in Blanco County?

- Set aside green space
- Maintain healthy riparian areas
- Restore native growth
- Reduce fire risk
- Practice regenerative grazing
- Prevent oak wilt
- Protect the rural character of Blanco County
- Support land conservation and stewardship

Check out the [Best Practices](#) developed by BCCI for more ideas and the effect of development on Blanco County.

What Else Has BCCI Been Working On?

Here is some of the other stuff we had going on in the past month:

- BCCI Board Members Bill Sisak, Mike Zarella, and Mark Zuzanek greeted visitors and handed out information cards along with free wildflower and bluebonnet seeds at the BCCI booth during **Blanco County Founders Day**.
- The **BCCI Blanco County Landowner Outreach** project is working with a few landowners who are considering a conservation easement for future land stewardship. Data on land ownership in Blanco County has now been accumulated through research and next steps strategy is in progress.

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