

RainScapes Gazette for Landscapes Professionals

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1. RainScapes Rewards Rebates

The RainScapes Rewards Rebate Program will be accepting applications until June 30, 2012 or until funds for this fiscal year are fully expended. Professionals may submit applications on a client's behalf, but property owners must agree to the requirements. The application process is online:

<http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/Rainscapes/>

Money for rebates is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and HOA's, commercial and institutional properties are all eligible in addition to single family home properties. The new fiscal year begins July 1, 2012 and rebates for FY13 will be accepted starting July 15, 2012.

2. RainScapes Training for Landscape Professionals Serving Montgomery County (taught by RainScapes Staff)

- **RainScapes Program Overview** (FREE)
Date: Thursday, March 22, 2012 (rescheduled from Jan 26th)
Check-In: 12:30 – 1 p.m. Workshop: 1 - 5 p.m.
Location: Rockville Regional Library, 21 Maryland Avenue
1st Floor Meeting Room
Rockville, MD 20850
Metro Accessible, Public Parking Available (Metered)

This class will provide an overview of all nine of the RainScapes techniques in the Rebate Program, the amount of RainScapes' rebates, project requirements and the rebate application process.

- **RainScapes Rain Garden Design and Site Assessment Charette** (FREE)
Date: Wednesday, March 28, 2012
Check-In: 8:30 – 9 a.m.
Workshop: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: 5510 Meadowside Lane (off Muncaster Mill Road)
Rockville, MD 20853

This is a FULL DAY class. This course is intended to educate landscape architects, engineers and landscape designers on site assessment and placement of RainScapes/ESD techniques for stormwater management. The site assessment section will focus on site evaluation, placement and design of RainScapes tools such as rain gardens, conservation landscaping, water harvesting and more. The rain garden design portion will focus on the sizing,

construction, design and installation of rain gardens using a site (provided). Class will be indoors with a field component. Please bring a lunch and a water bottle.

TOPICS:

- Challenges facing Montgomery County to meet MS4 requirements
- What are Maryland ESD regulations and how do RainScapes techniques meet those regulations
- Learn more about site hydrology drainage assessment
- DEP RainScapes techniques - using site assessment approach to determine where they are appropriate
- Practice site drainage assessment
- Practice and develop schematic concepts for the site that include a range of RainScapes techniques
- A rain garden sizing and design exercise
- Review rain garden appropriate plants
- Inspection and maintenance for rain gardens
- Design exercise

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- **RainScapes Rain Garden Installation Class** (FREE)
(Must have attended Rain Garden Design Class or received approval to attend – registration is limited to 20 participants max)
Date: May – date TBA (Registration open in April for this class)
Time: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Location: TBA

For this field day, you will participate in building a rain garden at a community site in Montgomery County. The hole will be pre-dug, but after a review of the rain garden design concepts for siting and sizing, the group will determine and finish final grading, install the soil media, build the berm, plant the plants and mulch the garden. Another email with more details will be sent out when registration for this class opens.

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- **[How to Register for RainScapes Classes](#)**
If you are interested in attending the March trainings, please mail your registration to:
rainscapes.application@montgomerycountymd.gov
You will receive a registration confirmation email, in addition to the auto-response. Registration for the Field day will be accepted after March 31th.

Please include the following information in your email:

- Your name
- Name of your company (whether you work there or own it)
- Your credentials or areas of specialty
- Your business address
- Your business telephone number
- Your business email

- Your business website

3. Montgomery College Landscape Technology Program Training

Montgomery College's Landscape Technology Program is offering their Spring Semester courses. New classes have been added! Register at Montgomery College. Click the link for the course list flyer:

<http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/EDU/Department2.aspx?id=18470&linkidentifier=id&itemid=18470>