



Montgomery County
Department of Environmental Protection

RainScapes Gazette

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Spring RainScapes Classes

This Spring RainScapes will be offering classes through the Montgomery County Department of Parks. All classes will be held at **Brookside Gardens @ 1800 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902**, Visitors Center Adult Classroom. You must register online after mid-February through [ActiveMONTGOMERY](#) or by calling 301-495-2580. ActiveMONTGOMERY.org replaces ParkPASS. If you don't already have an ActiveMONTGOMERY account, visit the sign in page to create one. Fee: \$15, FOBG: \$13

Make & Take Rain Barrels

Gather and store water from your rooftop to help control the stormwater impact to your yard. Each participant will receive a rain barrel with fittings and simple instructions. Remember, you'll need a vehicle large enough to fit a 55-gallon barrel!

Course # 14870; Friday, April 1, 10:00am - 1:00pm OR

Course # 14871; Saturday, April 2, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Stormwater Solutions: Conservation Landscapes and Rain Gardens

It is possible to have a landscape that not only absorbs stormwater and uses native plants, but is also beautiful! The Department of Environmental Protection staff will show you how to evaluate your site, design and implement a landscape, and qualify to receive a RainScapes Reward rebate.

Course # 14895; Thursday, May 19, 4:00 - 7:00pm OR

Course # 14896; Saturday, May 21, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Seeking HOAs for Pet Waste Program

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is working on reducing bacteria levels in our local rivers and streams. We are collaborating with homeowner associations, educating the community, and installing pet waste stations in common areas managed by the homeowner associations.

In the end, it is a win-win situation. Bacteria issues caused by pet waste are addressed and the community benefits from not having pet waste left on the ground. Imagine poop free play areas for all!

Did you know: According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, a typical dog (about 40 pounds) excretes 274 pounds of waste per year!

Currently we are working with five homeowner associations where 26 pet waste stations are installed and maintained. Since December 2014, about 3,975 pounds of waste has been collected. Imagine that – close to 2 tons of poop!

We are recruiting Homeowner Associations to join the program!

We are now on year two of the program and are recruiting new homeowner associations located in the Anacostia, Rock Creek, and Cabin John watersheds in Montgomery County. (Contact us to find out if your community is located in one of the targeted areas)

To learn more about the program, eligibility criteria and to find out if your community is located in one of the targeted areas, please contact Ana Arriaza at ana.arriaza@montgomerycountymd.gov or 240-777-7778



Montgomery County Cable show on RainScapes Program

The 'Did You Know' cable program featured the Montgomery County RainScapes program on December 2, 2015. This is a great introduction to RainScapes. Take a look and forward to others who are interested.



20 Recommended Native Plants for Maryland



Learn about what native plants work specifically in our area at the [University of Maryland Extension](#) site. Turk's Cap Lily, Golden Groundsel and 18 others made the recommended list. Visit the site to learn the rest.



RainScapes is a program provided by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection which promotes and implements projects which reduce stormwater runoff volume and improve water quality on properties within Montgomery County.

To find out more, go to rainscapes.org.

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