

Where the Grass is Greener:



Welcome to the Department of Environmental Protection's newsletter about organic lawns and lawn care.

For more green news, sign up for the [My Green Montgomery newsletter](#). And check out [our great lawn care website!](#)

What's New?



Missed our spring organic lawn care talks? Join us May 8th, or request a talk.

We've had a well-attended series of talks about organic lawn care this spring, and one more coming up **May 8th in Takoma Park at 7pm.**

We are happy to come to your community, garden club, office, or even your book club. Talks are free and last about an hour.

For inquiries, please email us at askdep@montgomerycountymd.gov



Register your organic lawn in our free program!

If you have an organic lawn, please register it in our program! Submitting your information only takes a few minutes, and you can opt for a sign (or not!). **Register your lawn here.**

Lawn Care Tips



When did you last sharpen your lawn mower blades?

Check the tips of your grass every time you mow--if the edges are not getting a sharp cut, or look frayed, it's time to sharpen.

Grass cut with a sharp blade helps the plants conserve water, use less energy to heal, and makes them less prone to diseases. Lawn mower blades might need to be sharpened after about 12 hours of use, especially if you are chopping up leaves or have objects like sticks or pinecones in your lawn.

Pro-tip: Keep two mower blades--swap one out when the other gets dull, then take them together to get sharpened at your hardware store or knife sharpener. Or learn to sharpen them at home. They only need to be as sharp as a butter knife to do a good job.

In the Community





Landscaping Lessons--In Spanish!

Our friends at the Ecological Landscape Alliance are sharing a series of **landscaping webinars in Spanish** for **FREE** during April, May, and June! Don't miss out.



Join us for Green Fest!

Sunday April 28th, 11-4, at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton.

If you are a regular, or if you have never attended, this year's **Green Fest** is bound to be a great time!

This year's festival includes a plant sale, electric car show, kids tree climbing, great food, over 80 exhibitors, a drum circle, and more!



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