

December 2016 edition of the Your Green Montgomery e-news.



Green your holiday season

This time of year our waistlines might grow, but that doesn't mean our environmental footprint should too! We collected tips for how to [green your holidays](#), including:

- Sustainable gift giving
- Less wasteful entertaining
- LED holiday lighting
- Christmas tree recycling
- Stopping junk mail

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Making bad soil better: Decompaction and composting

Heavy clay content in the region's soil can make it difficult for plants to thrive. Learn how decompacting and adding compost to your soil can add new life to your garden. [Learn More»](#)

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TIMES, DATES & LOCATIONS VARY

League of Women Voters of Montgomery County Climate Protection Plan Discussions
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DEC 8
7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Wheaton Woods Green Streets and RainScapes Public Meeting [Learn More »](#)

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Does your HOA have a pet poop problem?

If yes, your HOA may be eligible to participate in the County Pet Waste Management Program!

DEP will work with HOAs to educate residents on the importance of keeping pet waste out of streams as well as install pet waste stations in common areas managed by the HOA. [Learn More»](#)



Expanding sustainability engagement through Spark Montgomery

This summer, Montgomery County green businesses, began using a new social media platform, Spark, to encourage staff to take a more active role in greening their offices and daily lives. Spark has taken off, especially with the

Composting in Montgomery County [Learn More »](#)

JAN 24

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

FrogWatch Volunteer Training [Learn More »](#)

LOOKING AHEAD....

April 5, 2017: [Montgomery County Energy Summit](#)

May 6, 2017: [Montgomery County GreenFest](#)

- [Add GreenFest to your calendar](#)
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Did You Know 61



Did you know the County has a new residential energy program manager?

No? Meet Larissa Johnson and get introduced to energy saving programs across the County on the [Did You Know? County Cable show.](#)



Green Impact Campaign: A win-win for students and small businesses

The Green Impact Campaign has helped 70 small businesses realize \$60,000 in annual energy savings in Montgomery County and taught area students job skills and training. [Learn More»](#)

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For Rockville's Erica Shingara, being green is a team sport

Meet Erica Shingara, the sustainability coordinator for the city of Rockville's Department of Public Works. Erica is dedicated to reducing the city's environmental impact and helping residents save energy and money. [Learn More»](#)



Have a happy and healthy holiday season!

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