

February 2017 edition of Your Green Montgomery e-News featuring tax free weekend.



Save big on ENERGY STAR appliances + lighting

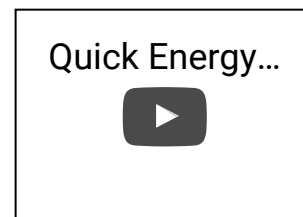
February 18-20 (President's Day Weekend) has been designated as a Maryland 6% sales tax free weekend for Energy Star appliances, such as:

- LED Light Bulbs
- Washers + Dryers
- Air Conditioners + Boilers
- Refrigerators
- And More! [See list of eligible appliances](#)

Tax Free Weekend is happening across the state wherever Energy Star appliances are sold!

Behind the scenes of a Quick Home Energy Checkup

Watch our PSA, or get an in depth look at a QHEC [on our blog](#).



FEB 24 7:30 PM-9:30 PM

Real Food for Kids Musical Gala and Silent Auction [More»](#)

MAR 18 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Montgomery Village Home Show [More»](#)

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11:00 AM-4:00 PM

**The Montgomery County
GreenFest!**

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GreenFest exhibitor registration is now open!

Know a business, nonprofit, food truck or plant vendor that you think would be a good fit for GreenFest? [Send them our registration information!](#)

We're also looking for Outreach Ambassadors: businesses, organizations and institutions willing to promote GreenFest through their newsletters, social media, posters, etc. In return, we'll display your organization's logo on the GreenFest website. [Learn more.](#)

Remember GreenFest is Saturday, May 6th in Gaithersburg. [Add it to your calendar.](#)



DEP is hiring!

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection is hiring. We are seeking an individual to oversee our pesticide and pollution reduction programs. The application deadline is February 15! [Learn More»](#)

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Bell Nursery is the first grower to join the Green Business Certification Program

The Green Business Certification Program recently added Veriflora® Sustainably Grown to the list of third-party certification programs recognized by the County. With seven years as Veriflora certified, Bell Nursery becomes the latest business to earn a County green seal. [Learn More»](#)



"Branching out" in Montgomery County: Meet DEP's new outreach specialist!

DEP has a new team member: Susan Kornacki. Susan will help get the message of the County's sustainability programs out into the community. She is new to the County and looking forward to learning about the great work already being

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Make your Valentine's Day greener!

Try one (or more) of these ideas to keep your Valentine's Day sustainable:

- Consider buying locally grown flowers, through [Slow Flowers](#), or flowers with reputable third party labels such as [Veriflora Sustainably Grown®](#) or [Rainforest Alliance](#). Living native plants make great gifts, too!
- If you plan to hand out valentines, make them out of recycled materials. [We love these ideas!](#)
- For the animal lover in your life, think about supporting one of numerous charities working to protect wildlife.

We want to hear your ideas, too! What are you doing to make your Valentine's Day more sustainable? Email [us](#) and send your suggestions!

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