

January 2017 edition of Your Green Montgomery e-news.



5 Resolutions for a Greener 2017!

Reduce your footprint and give back to the community in 2017.



#1 Sign up for a Quick Home Energy Checkup

A [Quick Home Energy Checkup](#) (QHEC) is when an energy professional visits your home to perform an energy assessment and provide you tools and ideas to save money. You'll receive ~\$75 in immediate savings, plus the QHEC is at no additional cost.

- Contact your utility to schedule a QHEC
- Renters can get QHEC's too! [Learn More»](#)

Tree tips for winter

Trees do not need a lot of care in winter - they are well adapted to the cold and snow. But if you are concerned for your trees this winter, follow our short [list of expert tips»](#)

JAN 8

2:00 PM-5:00 PM

Silver Spring Timebank Skills Share [Learn More»](#)

JAN 14 - 16

MLK Day National Day of Service (All Weekend Long)

[Learn More»](#)

JAN 18

8:00 AM-12:00 PM

RainScapes Environmental Site Design Workshop for Contractors [Learn More»](#)

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#2 Make your 2017 landscaping project a RainScape

Planning a landscaping project this spring or summer? Why not beautify your property AND help protect our streams? Better yet, your project might be eligible for a rebate. [Learn about RainScapes»](#)



#3 Volunteer to improve our streams and parks (Starting on MLK Day)

MLK Day is a day on, not a day off!

Instead of a weekend on the couch, you could roll up your sleeves and help improve our County parks January 14-16. It's the perfect way to set the right tone for 2017. [Discover Volunteer Opportunities MLK Weekend»](#)

Become a FrogWatch Volunteer [Learn More»](#)

FEB 9

2:00 PM-6:00 PM

Fields of Green Internship Fair [Learn More»](#)

FEB 18 - 20

Maryland Tax Free Weekend for Energy Star Products [Learn More»](#)

LOOKING AHEAD...

Wednesday, April 5th

Montgomery County Energy Summit [Learn More»](#)

Saturday, May 6th

Montgomery County GreenFest [Learn More»](#)

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#4 Pick up a yard trim compost bin

Composting transforms your yard and garden trimmings—grass clippings, leaves, and pruning material—into a dark, crumbly, sweet-smelling material that naturally enriches the earth. Create your own soil this year by picking up your own compost bin.

- [How to compost yard trim](#)
- [Where to pick up a compost bin](#)



#5 Support green businesses

Put your money where your mouth is! Support County businesses that are dedicated to reducing their environmental impact.

Certified Green Businesses include caterers, banks, landscaping companies, and even an orthodontist. [Find a Green Business»](#)



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Local grants: Engage volunteers and help a community

In 2015, Bethesda Green received a \$32,000 grant to help Glen Waye Garden Condominiums address some stormwater runoff concerns.

During this year long project, community volunteers planted 200 trees and 160 native plants and they collected more than 1,500 gallons of water through cisterns. [See how they did it](#)

Test. Fix. 

Save a Life.

Test your home for radon

Did you know radon is the 2nd leading cause of lung cancer?

And that Montgomery County homes and buildings are prone to higher than average radon levels?

That's why the County is celebrating January as

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The best way to protect you and your family is to pick up a radon testing device and test your home. [More on Radon»](#)

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