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Quick tips to prep for spring

With the signs of spring popping up everywhere, we asked DEP staff to recommend tips and tasks to prep homes and gardens for warm weather. Here are a few of their suggestions:

- Tune up your lawnmower and sharpen the blades.
- Replace the mulch around trees to help the tree retain moisture.
- Make sure air conditioner filters are clean and properly maintained.

For more of these tips, [check out our latest blog »](#)

What is Bus Rapid Transit?

It's a new transit option coming to Montgomery County. Check out the intro to BRT video below and bring your questions to an upcoming open house. [Learn More»](#)

What is B...



MARCH 16

6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Bethesda Green Sustainability Workshop: Composting

[Learn More »](#)

MARCH 18

9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Montgomery Village Home Show [Learn More »](#)

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Take a peek at the GreenFest schedule!

We're excited to announce the first set of [scheduled activities](#) during GreenFest:

- **An Arts Zone** with local artists showing their work and hosting demos
- **A Kids Pavilion** with interactive games, crafts and special guests
- **Local food trucks** and **music** in the park
- **DIY Workshops** on energy, composting and how to build your own green team
- **Short film series** (see the next article)
- More to come!

We still have room for [exhibitors and vendors](#). Apply now!

If you can't come to GreenFest, consider being an [outreach ambassador](#).



The Environmental Film Festival is March 14 - 26

This year, our friends at the Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital (EFF) are

Earth Hour! [Learn More »](#)

MARCH 30 + 31

2 Workshops Available

Make and Take Rain Barrel Workshop at Brookside Gardens [Learn More »](#)

APRIL 2

10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Paper Shredding and Recycling Event: Damascus [Learn More »](#)

APRIL 5

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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

APRIL 8

8:00 AM-1:00 PM

2017 Potomac River Watershed Cleanup [Learn More »](#)

MAY 6

11:00 AM-4:00 PM

[Montgomery County GreenFest!](#)

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length films. We'll see you at the movies! [The Festival Schedule](#)

The Film Festival is also coming to GreenFest!

For the third year, the EFF is screening films at GreenFest. This year, EFF is screening a series of short films that were highlighted during the longer festival.



How will you celebrate Earth Month?

April is jam packed with environmental programs and volunteer opportunities. Prepare for Earth Month now, by checking out our [Special Earth Month Event Calendar](#)



Celebrating the success of the first Countywide solar co-

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In MD SUN's first attempt at creating a county-wide solar co-op, the Montgomery County Solar Co-op made history. It is the largest single co-op in the Community Power Network!

Congratulations to the 90 people who joined the Co-op, MD Sun and all the partners! [Learn More»](#)



Help the County reduce the risk of trash fires

Grilling season is almost here and many of us use coals on our barbecue. Seemingly cold ashes can still be hot inside and ignite trash fires. Follow this link for guidelines to prevent [coal ash fires](#).

Other Causes of Trash Fires

Keep the following materials out of your trash in order to reduce the risk of trash fires:

- Rechargeable batteries
- Hazardous materials
- Chemicals
- Gasoline
- Oil-based paints

To properly dispose of these items bring them for special collection at the [Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station](#).

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