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YOUR Green MONTGOMERY

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Give your trees a drink!

It's not just people that have been suffering through the recent heat wave - our trees have been feeling the heat too! Super high temps without regular watering can stress or even kill your trees. Help them survive the rest of the season by following these tips:

Water Trees Regularly

- Newly planted trees (3 years or less) need 25 gallons of water per week during the summer
- Water once a week unless it rains
- If possible, use a soaker hose! It conserves water and is better for the trees.
- [Mulch properly](#) - remember to make a "ring" not a "volcano".

Finding (or becoming) a RainScapes professional

Building a rain garden or conservation landscape requires extra expertise than your typical garden.

Find out where to get help and what it requires to be a RainScapes contractor. [Learn More»](#)

TIL AUG 20

10:00 AM-10:00 PM

DEP at the County Fair

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AUG 20

10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Great Outdoors Festival

[Learn More »](#)

SEP 8

7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Montgomery County Solar Co-op Info Session in



Watershed restoration and outreach grants open to community groups

The Montgomery County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust announce a new grant program to support watershed restoration and outreach projects throughout Montgomery County. [Learn More»](#)



Solar energy technology, demystified

DEP's Energy Intern Miles Braxton dives into the nuts and bolts about how solar photovoltaic (PV) panels collect energy from the sun and convert it to electricity. [Learn More»](#)

SEP 16

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

PARK(ing) Day

[Learn More »](#)

SEP 17

10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Poolesville Day

[Learn More »](#)

SEP 24

1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Izaak Walton League National Hunting and Fishing Day [Learn More »](#)

SEP 24

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Native Plant Workshop and Seed Collection

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Meet our new Residential Energy Program Manager

DEP is happy to have a new team member focused on residential energy: Larissa Johnson! Larissa looks forward to working with County residents and businesses on how to save energy and money. [Meet Larissa»](#)



Start the school year off right

While this summer is still going strong, it also happens to be the season for back to school planning. Here are our green tips for making the upcoming school year a green one:

- **Reduce and reuse school supplies**
 - Before heading to the store, take stock of what you already have. Brainstorm as a family what can be reused or adapted.
- **Make helping others the first lesson of the year**
 - Have extra school supplies? Donate

- Donate outgrown clothes to a nearby nonprofit like [Interfaith Works](#) or [Shepherd's Table](#)

- **Find out if your child's school has a SERT club**

- Stands for: [School Energy and Recycling Team](#)
- Share with them the [Back to School Energy checklist](#)

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