

News, stories and tips from My Green Montgomery. December 2015



DEP Year in Review

It was a great year for the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection. Join us in looking back at the highlights of 2015.

DEP 2015 Year in Review



Like the video? We have even more stats and stories in our blog! [View our end of year blog»](#)



Keeping Deer Out of Your Rain Garden (& Other Gardens Too!)

Any time of year is a potential problem time in Montgomery County, at least when you're a gardener worried about deer. [View Our Tips»](#)

THROUGH JAN 3

5:30 PM-9:30 PM

Garden of Lights: Winter Garden Light Display at Brookside Gardens

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DEC 19

MORNING: TIMES VARY

Weed Warriors:

- [Sligo Creek»](#)
- [Elmhirst Parkway»](#)

DEC 22

5:30 PM-8:00 PM

mindfulness means green

For the devoted, yoga is a full-fledged lifestyle. Fitness is a big part of the equation, but so is a concept called mindfulness. According to practitioners, mindfulness can help people become more environmentally conscious. [Learn More»](#)



Emerald Ash Borer strikes Montgomery Parks

Earlier this month Montgomery Parks announced that a non-native invasive beetle from Asia, the Emerald Ash Borer has been detected in the county and is wreaking havoc on ash trees. [Learn More»](#)



Trees for Sacred Places

Montgomery County congregations, faith based retreat centers and schools are being good stewards of the earth by planting trees through the Trees for Sacred Places program offered by Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake. [Learn](#)

Drinks [Learn More »](#)

JAN 19-21

TIMES VARY

Food-Energy-Water Nexus Conference

[Learn More »](#)

FEB 6

10:00 AM-2:00 PM

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

MAR 7

6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Clean Air and Your Home Informational Panel [Learn More »](#)

APR 30

11:00 AM-4:00 PM

[Montgomery County GreenFest!](#)

[View the Whole Calendar »](#)



Help reduce litter by bringing a reusable bag while holiday shopping

Reusable bags are not just for the grocery store - they can be used when shopping at the mall, big box stores, or local businesses.

DEP is working with partners to distribute free reusable bags to County residents. [Learn More»](#)



County resident receives the Presidential GreenGov Sustainability Hero Award

Ed Murtagh, longtime resident of Wheaton, was awarded the Sustainability Hero Award in green government for his work with the USDA.

[Learn More»](#) about Ed's achievements at

environment.



Enter a picture into the Energy Heroes Photo Drawing!

The deadline for our second drawing is December 31. Snap, and submit, a picture of how you save energy at home and you could win LED lightbulbs and a feature in My Green Montgomery! [Learn More»](#)

Ways to Submit:

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- Tweet your photo using **#MCEnergyHero**

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