

News, tips and stories from My Green Montgomery. January 2016.



GreenFest is coming to Takoma Park!

You're invited to the **2nd annual Montgomery County GreenFest on April 30th** at the Takoma Park Community Center.

[GreenFest](#) is a celebration of the people and environment of our County and the role we all play in making it a healthier, sustainable community.

There will be music, more than 70 exhibitors, workshops, environmental films and presentations by local and national speakers.

[Explore your path to a greener life!](#)

- [Add GreenFest to your calendar](#)
- [Get notified first when the schedule is announced](#)
- [Volunteer at GreenFest](#)

The MLK Day of Service is Monday

But the volunteer opportunities are happening all weekend long with Montgomery Parks!

There are 11 events to choose from in Bethesda, Wheaton, Aspen Hill, Takoma Park, White Oak and Silver Spring. [Learn More»](#)

JAN 19 - 21

9:00 AM-5:00 PM

The Food-Energy-Water Nexus Conference

[Learn More »](#)

JAN 20

6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Green for Green - Green Banking for Energy Projects in the DMV [Learn More »](#)

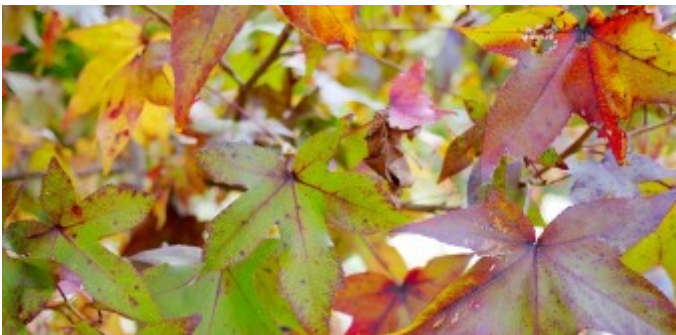
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January is Radon Action Month

You have the power to prevent the second leading cause of lung cancer! **Get your home tested for radon gas, and reduce your family's risk of exposure.**

It is easy to determine if your home has higher levels of radon. Purchase a test kit from the hardware store or [online](#). Once you know your radon risk, then you can take action to protect yourself and others! [Learn More»](#)



Tree Montgomery planted hundreds of trees in 2015

Tree Montgomery provides free shade trees to private homes, businesses, multi-family properties and homeowner associations. This program aims to reverse the loss of tree canopy due to development, aging and storm damage. The program is funded by the Tree

Dealing with Deer and Other Mammal Pests in Your Garden [Learn More »](#)

JAN 28

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Switching to Organic Lawn Care [Learn More »](#)

FEB 2

7:30 AM-10:00 AM

Green Business Forum: Leveraging Sustainability to Build Your Brand and Culture [Learn More »](#)

FEB 6

10:00 AM-2:00 PM

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

MAR 5

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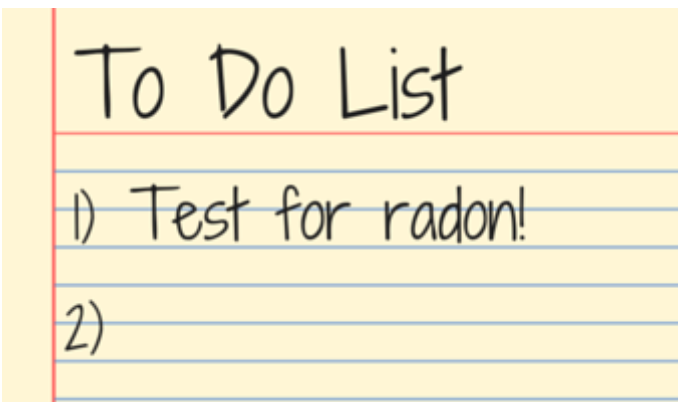
The H2O Summit [Learn More »](#)

[View the Whole Calendar »](#)



Outdoor classroom beautifies elementary school

When the new Seven Locks Elementary School opened, the teachers quickly realized a problem - there was limited outdoor space to take the students. That's when the County's RainScapes program stepped in with a solution - a conservation landscape. [Learn More»](#)



Test your home for radon

It's so important, we're mentioning it twice. If you do one thing this month, pick up a radon test kit and use it!

- [The National Radon Program sells short and long term kits](#)
- Buy from a local hardware store

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