

The Town of Chestertown is hosting information sessions on home and garden practices that are environmentally friendly.

CHESTERTOWN TOWN HALL

7:30-8:30 p.m.

FACTS:

- ❖ Residents play a critical role in protecting soil and water resources
- ❖ The Chestertown “urban forest” is the sum of individual yards, street trees, parks, and unimproved lots. The urban forest is critical to the health of local waters and the Bay
- ❖ A sample survey of Chestertown residents determined that 100% want to improve their knowledge of good environmental practices and products

February 11 - Affordable Solar Energy for the Home

With Roy Mears and son, Dusty, local builders and renovators of historic homes. Learn about small and large home modifications for better energy efficiency as well as practices that can be adopted by residents for greater energy conservation.

March 3 - Sustainable Gardening

With Bob Bell, President of Bell Design, Inc. Learn about regional native plants, proper plant selection, water management, and the most important green garden practices. Originally from Easton, Bell is a landscape architect who designs gardens for historic properties and landscaping for small city spaces as well as urban roof decks and large estates. He has appeared as a guest designer on HGTV’s “Curb Appeal”.

April 23 – Rain Gardens and Native Plants

With Liz Starkey and Certified Professional Horticulturists Cindy King and Robyn Affron from Kingstown Farm, Home, and Garden (see above)

May 14- Green Cleaning Basics

With Paul McMullen, Adkins Arboretum
Ingredients in commercial cleaners can pollute the environment both inside and outside your home. Learn about natural alternatives to toxic, caustic, and flammable cleaning products. Learn how to make your own “green” products and discuss those available in stores. Samples of both natural and caustic products will be on hand for comparison.

Programs are coordinated by the Go Green group of Neighbors for Neighborhoods, an association of residents in the vicinity of Washington College and the Chester River. For questions, contact campusave@dmv.com

For though we may be the Earth's gardeners, we are also its weeds. And we won't get anywhere until we come to terms with this crucial ambiguity about our role - that we are at once the problem and the only possible solution to the problem.

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GO GREEN PROGRAMS

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