



# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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## Rain Check Rebate Program

### RAIN CHECK REBATE

GET REBATES FOR...



Rain Barrels



Cisterns



Urban Tree Canopy



Rain Gardens



Pavement Removal



Permeable Pavement



Green Roofs

*...and help keep Prince George's County beautiful and healthy!*



LEARN MORE & APPLY:

[CBTRUST.ORG/PRINCE-GEORGES-COUNTY-RAIN-CHECK-REBATE](https://cbtrust.org/prince-georges-county-rain-check-rebate)

The Prince George's County [Rain Check Rebate Program](#) offers incentives to homeowners, businesses, and others to install practices that will reduce stormwater runoff, reduce pollution, and improve the water quality of local streams and waterways.

The total maximum rebate amount for the lifetime of a property is \$6,000 for residential properties and \$20,000 for commercial, industrial, and institutional properties. **Please note that the total maximum rebate amount has increased from \$4,000 to \$6,000 as of March 2022.** So, if you previously had reached the cap, you may be able to apply for more projects now!

The seven stormwater practices eligible for rebates include: rain barrels, cisterns, rain gardens, urban tree canopy, pavement removal, permeable pavement, and green roofs.

To learn more about this program and the different stormwater practices, please visit our website at <https://cbtrust.org/grants/prince-georges-county-rain-check-rebate/> or contact Kathy Somoza at [rebate@cbtrust.org](mailto:rebate@cbtrust.org) or 410-974-2941 ext. 120.

## What are Rain Barrels and Cisterns?

Two of the seven practices supported by the [Rain Check Rebate Program](#) are rain barrel and cisterns. Rain barrels are containers used to collect and temporarily store rainwater that flows from the rooftop. Cisterns are essentially larger versions of rain barrels that also store rainwater from roofs.

Collected water can be reused for non-potable purposes, such as watering your flower garden, trees, or lawn! It's a great way to reuse water that otherwise might run off into your local waterways during a large storm event.

Rain barrels must be at least 50 gallons for residential properties and 100 gallons for all other property types. Cisterns must be at least 250 gallons for all property types. Applicants can receive up to \$2 per gallon size of their rain barrel or cistern. This means if you install a 50-gallon rain barrel, you can get a rebate of up to \$100. If you've recently purchased and installed a rain barrel in the last 12 months and **still have the receipt**, then you might be eligible to receive a rebate! Email us at [rebate@cbtrust.org](mailto:rebate@cbtrust.org) to confirm your eligibility.

To learn more about rain barrels, click [here](#) and to learn more about cisterns, click [here](#).



Examples of rain barrels and cisterns successfully installed by previous applicants.

[Learn more about the Rain Check Rebate Program](#)

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## News

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### Be Seen Being Green!



How green are you? Help us grow a culture of active environmental stewards within your County by joining in on the “Be Seen Being Green” initiative. Learn ways that you can be green at home, school, in your community, or at work by clicking the button below.

**If you complete all five starred items in the checklists and post about it on social media with the #BSBGinPGC hashtag, then you will receive a free t-shirt and be featured in the PGC DOE’s quarterly newsletter!**

[Ways to be Green!](#)

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### St. Mark's UMC Emancipation Day 10th Annual 5K Saturday, September 3, 2022

St. Marks United Methodist Church, a Sacred Grounds congregations in Laurel, is hosting its annual Emancipation Day 5K race with proceeds to help with diabetes. The racecourse is timed and certified making it a good race for runners!

**All race participants will receive a FREE native plant at the end of the race!** Additionally, everyone is invited to view native plants at the Laurel Library (507 7<sup>th</sup> St, Laurel, MD).

Register for the event online at <https://bit.ly/emancipation5k>. Note that registration prices for in-person running or walking will increase at 11:59pm on September 2!

# St. Mark's UMC Emancipation Day

REV. EUGENE W. MATTHEWS, PASTOR

## 10TH Annual In-Person and Virtual Diabetes 5k Run/ Walk/ Fun Walk

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2022



8:00 AM Rain or Shine

 Alice B. McCullough Field  
Montgomery & Eighth Street  
Laurel, MD

USATF Certified Course Professionally  
Timed by Blue Cheetah Sports Timing, LLC

**Register here:** <https://bit.ly/emancipation5k>

### NATIVE PLANT GIVEAWAY AT FINISH LINE

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### NATIVE PLANT TOUR AT LAUREL LIBRARY

 9:45am  
Laurel Library

507 7th St, Laurel, MD 20707



[Register Here](#)

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## Growing Green with Pride: October 15 from 8am to 12pm Register Today!

**RAIN or SHINE!**

# GROWING GREEN

# Prince George's MARYLAND county

# WITH PRIDE

Help beautify our county by joining neighbors in your community for a day of cleaning, weed removal and mulching.

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 15  
8AM-12PM**

Registration is required for participation. Please register at <http://MyPGC.us/GrowingGreen> by October 7th, 2022.

You may e-mail your application to [GrowingGreenWithPride@co.pg.md.us](mailto:GrowingGreenWithPride@co.pg.md.us). You will receive an e-mail notification to confirm the receipt of your application.

QR Code - Access to GOWP Fillable Application

Students may earn service learning hours!  
Contact Tonya Hainston at [GrowingGreenWithPride@co.pg.md.us](mailto:GrowingGreenWithPride@co.pg.md.us) or 301-499-8441 for more information.

**RADIO ONE** 1450 & 95.9 NEWS TALK  
**WJLA** 7 NEWS  
**MAJIC 101** PRIDE 101.1 FM

Prince George's County will host a Countywide community cleanup program entitled "Growing Green With Pride." This event supports our Beautification Initiative to make our community cleaner by conducting individual community litter collection events, which demonstrates our shared commitment to keeping our communities appealing and attractive. Community organizations and groups are encouraged to participate!

Registration is required and closes on October 7th, so be sure to register by then!

[Register Here](#)

### Be Featured in Our Newsletter!

Send us any news, photos, project success stories, and upcoming events to Whitney Vong at [wvong@cbtrust.org](mailto:wvong@cbtrust.org) to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.



## Events and Opportunities

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The Anacostia Watershed Society is hiring for an [Environmental Educator](#).

The Anacostia Watershed Society's mission is to protect and restore the Anacostia River by bringing partners and communities together to achieve a clean and safe Anacostia River for the benefit of all living in its watershed and for future generations. To learn more about this positions and organization, click [here](#).

### SharePower Community Solar Subscriptions Available with Groundswell

Through your [SharePower](#) community solar subscription, you can make both a social and environmental impact in your community. SharePower allows you to put your clean energy subscription to work - using energy generated by solar panels in your community to improve local clean energy access to your neighbors who otherwise would not have had access. Community solar with SharePower is not just for saving money; **it is for helping the whole community.**

Groundswell works with minority and women-owned businesses to build clean energy in your community with SharePower community solar subscriptions that reduce your carbon footprint while easing the strain of high energy costs for income-qualified households near you.

[Sign up for clean energy in your community here!](#)

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Note: Inclusion of any businesses or vendors in this email is not an endorsement or recommendation by Prince George's County or the Chesapeake Bay Trust. This is only as a means to share information.

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### ABOUT THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST

The Chesapeake Bay Trust shares a bold vision for a restored and protected Chesapeake Bay watershed and other natural resources in our area—from the Coastal Bays to the Chesapeake to the Youghiogheny River. We uniquely empower local community-based groups on the ground with the resources they need to take on a meaningful and measurable role in restoring forests, streams, rivers, bays, wildlife, and more in their own communities.

The Trust empowers these groups by providing grants and technical assistance. Every year, about 400 groups are awarded project money or provided other assistance to accomplish environmental education, community outreach, and local watershed restoration projects. Since 1985, the Trust has awarded \$140 million in grants and engaged hundreds of thousands of resident stewards in projects that have a measurable impact.

The Trust has received the highest rating from Charity Navigator for over two decades: on average 90 percent of the Trust's expenditures are directed to its restoration and education programs.

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