

## Get Bay-Wise Certified:

You can have your landscape certified as Bay-Wise by inviting a Master Gardener to visit your yard to review the BAY-WISE YARDSTICK with you. Residents who have at least 36 "inches" of good practices are certified. Bay-Wise signs are available to display in your yard.



## Download the Yardstick:

<https://extension.umd.edu/baywise/publications>



## Contact Us:

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# Bay-Wise Gardening and Lawn Care

A sustainable approach to  
planning and caring for your  
landscape



# BAY-WISE





## Who are we?

We are Master Gardeners with advanced training offered through the University of Maryland Extension.

We are knowledgeable volunteers with a passion for protecting our land and waterways and for passing on our knowledge.

Our goal is to help Charles County citizens adopt sustainable, environmentally friendly gardening and lawn practices.

A healthier world through environmental stewardship



## Benefits to the Gardener:

- Saved time and money
- Healthy and sustainable landscape
- Satisfaction of helping protect local waterways

## We are trained to:

- Evaluate properties using the Bay-Wise Maryland Yardstick
- Offer advice on methods for building healthy soil
- Discuss ways to reduce pollution and runoff from lawns and gardens
- Teach proper fertilization methods
- Share ideas for creating and maintaining desirable wildlife habitats
- Recommend appropriate plants with emphasis on native plants
- Help you establish a garden that attracts pollinators
- Manage pests with Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices

We are not able to act as landscape designers, do the work for you or recommend contractors or landscapers.