Are you a Bay-Wise Homeowner?

Jim Gallion, Master Gardener

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Homeowners can contribute to a cleaner local waterway, Chesapeake Bay and the environment by using environmentally sound landscaping & home gardening methods.

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WILD COLUMBINE

Here are simple things you can do to make a real difference…and Master Gardeners can help show you how.

- Fertilize Wisely
- Water Efficiently
- Control Stormwater Runoff
- Mulch Appropriately
- Recycle Yard Waste
- Manage Pests with Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- Plant Wisely
- Encourage Wildlife
- Protect Waterfront

The Bay-Wise program is free to all community members.

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BLOODROOT

The Yardstick is a booklet that guides you through the process of certification in the Bay-Wise landscaping program.

The Bay-Wise Yardstick booklet is available by contacting:

Frederick County Master Gardeners
Maryland Cooperative Extension
330 Montevue Lane
Frederick, MD 21702
Attn: Bay-Wise
301-694-1596

Materials including the Yardstick will be mailed to the interested participant, or can be picked up at the Extension Office.

The participant completes the Yardstick per instructions. It is then mailed to or dropped off at the Extension Office.

The Yardstick is reviewed by Master Gardeners and the participant is contacted for follow up and a possible site visit.

A site visit is performed by Master Gardeners. Once the site evaluation is complete, the landscape is certified.

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FREDERICK COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Bay-Wise
YARDSTICK

Landscape Management Program

Are you interested in...

- Improving your landscape?
- Helping the environment?
- Saving time and money?
- Certifying your landscape Bay-Wise?

Frederick County Master Gardeners
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND Cooperative Extension

We can help!

Free Consultation with a Team of Master Gardeners for the Yardstick program

Who we are...

MONARCH BUTTERFLY NECTARING

Master Gardeners are volunteer representatives of the University of Maryland's Cooperative Extension. As Frederick County Master Gardeners, our goal is to educate community members about Bay-Wise landscape practices and their important benefits to homeowners.

We are knowledgeable, trained volunteers, not professionals, and our Bay-Wise Yardstick program is free to the public.

We are not...

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Landscape architects or landscape designers. We do not perform the actual work for you, nor do we recommend specific landscapers or other contractors.

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GREEN FROG

We are trained to evaluate properties using the Bay-Wise Yardstick:

- Make suggestions for environmentally sound landscapes
- Diagnose insect & disease problems
- Educate homeowners about the Chesapeake Bay & local waterways
- Discuss ways to reduce pollution from lawns & gardens
- Teach proper fertilization methods
- Share methods for restoring desirable wildlife habitats
- Explain the importance of healthy soil & how to achieve it
- Discuss easy-to-grow native & non-native plants versus invasive plants
- Help to develop plant lists

The Chesapeake Bay, its rivers and tributary streams play an important role in the lives of Marylanders. They provide us with food, recreation and commerce.

Our waterways are declining due, in part, to air pollution and to fertilizer and other pollutants running off homes and landscapes, farms, sewage treatment plants and industry.

Many Maryland residents live within a half-mile of a storm drain, stream or river. Most of these waterways eventually drain into the Chesapeake Bay.

What we do in our own yards affect the health of our local waterways, the Bay and the environment.

We all need to do our part to take care of our watershed. By changing a few simple practices, you and your family can help keep our Maryland water healthy.

Be a Bay-Wise Gardener. Let us help!

If you would like a Bay-Wise team consultation or visit, or for more information on the Bay-Wise Program, Master Gardeners, or other free assistance offered through the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension, call 301-694-1596 or visit www.agnr.umd.edu/frederick/mg/.