



CHECKLIST ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcing the release of the “Maryland Living Landscapes Metric: A Checklist of Landscape Practices for Healthy Maryland Watersheds”

[The Maryland Living Landscapes Metric](#) will be the new guiding document for Bay-Wise/Water-Wise 2.0 landscape certifications. It was developed in collaboration with Extension specialists from across Maryland with direct input from many University of Maryland Extension Master Gardeners active in our Bay-Wise Living Landscapes program. It updates and replaces the previous Bay-Wise Yard Stick that has served us well for many years. The metric features updated formatting, practices, and resources, emphasizing actions that Marylanders can take to improve water quality, soil health, biodiversity, and climate resilience of Maryland residential landscapes. Many of the practices on the checklist can result in substantial time and cost savings, as well.

The updated checklist maintains and expands upon the core Bay-Wise/Water-Wise practices, re-organized around eight essential habits that Maryland residents can adopt today to support healthy Maryland watersheds: 1. Recycle organic yard and kitchen waste on-site; 2. Capture and use precipitation where it falls; 3. Plant and conserve a wide variety of native plants; 4. Protect pollinators and beneficial insects; 5. Reduce hazards to fish & wildlife; 6. Shrink your lawn footprint; 7. Protect our waterways and shorelines; and 8. Educate friends, family, and neighbors about MD Living Landscapes practices.



A digital, fillable PDF version of the checklist can be found online at:
<https://go.umd.edu/MD-Living-Landscapes-Metric>

Or by scanning this QR code:



Hard copies will be made available through county Extension agents upon request, while supplies last.

UPCOMING FIELD TRAININGS

Bay-Wise/Water-Wise 2.0 Field Training Schedule

Trainings will be offered in person and online for Master Gardeners interested in staying or becoming active with the Bay-Wise/Water-Wise Living Landscapes program, focused on using the new Maryland Living Landscapes Metric. Upcoming scheduled field trainings include:

Date	Time	County	Contact	email
May 28	10 am	Baltimore Co.	Lexie Leaser	aleeser@umd.edu
May 30	10 am	Washington Co.	Annette Cormany	acormany@umd.edu
June 2	10 am	Anne Arundel Co.	Maxine Yoon	maxyoon@umd.edu
June 6	10 am	Calvert Co.	Karen Anderson	r_otters1@msn.com
June 9	10 am	Frederick Co.	Amy Rembold	mcrembold@icloud.com
June 11	10 am	Kent Co.	Robin Hanway	rhanway@umd.edu
June 12	10 am	Talbot Co.	Mikaela Boley	mboley@umd.edu
June 13	10 am	Cecil Co.	Doris Behnke	dbehnke@umd.edu
June 16	10 am	Prince George's Co.	Esther Mitchell	estherm@umd.edu
June 17	10 am	Howard Co.	Tiffany Frazier	howardbaywise@gmail.com
June 18	10 am	Carroll Co.	Linda Gray	Lindagrays101@gmail.com
June 25	1 pm	Allegany Co.	Sarah Llewellyn	sllewell@umd.edu
July 8	10 am	Queen Anne's Co.	Rachel Rhodes	rjrhodes@umd.edu
TBD	TBD	Baltimore City	Tess Loys	tessoby@gmail.com
TBD	TBD	Montgomery Co.	Linda Barrett	Limabean290@gmail.com

Please sign up for an upcoming Master Gardener field training [at this link](#). More field trainings will be offered on future dates, to be announced.

Upcoming Bay-Wise/Water-Wise 2.0 Advanced Training Webinars

Join us online **TUESDAY, June 17th at 6:30 PM** for all new Bay-Wise/Water-Wise 2.0 Advanced Training on the topic of “*Create a Pollinator Paradise*” with special guest Madeline Potter, University of Maryland Extension Entomologist and your host, Dr. Stacy Small-Lorenz, Residential Landscape Ecology Specialist and Bay-Wise Program Lead.

Please register for the session at least 48 hours in advance at the following link:

<https://umd.zoom.us/meeting/register/8CviFek-TUqXSJQJsHiKpA>

This training will count toward Master Gardener Continuing Education credit and Bay-Wise Master Gardener Certification training, after submitting a brief quiz on the evening's topic and scoring at least 75%.

OTHER NEWS

Bay-Wise Coordinators,

It is that time of year again when we request your achievements, data and pictures for the first half of 2025. Please gather your information and watch for an email from Elizabeth McGarry with the report form.

Total Landscapes Certified (1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024)	
Number of Bay-Wise or W-W Green Landscapes	0
Number of Inland Coastal Green Landscapes	0
Number of State-Only Green Landscapes	0
Number of Urban Residential Landscapes (UR)	0
Number of Non-Residential Landscapes (NR)	0
TOTAL	0

Washington County Master Gardeners hosted a lively and engaging Bay-Wise 2.0 field training on the new Maryland Living Landscapes Metric at the Washington County Extension demonstration gardens on Friday, May 29. We look forward to seeing you at a future field training!



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