



DoE CELEBRATES APRIL AS EARTH MONTH



Get social with us and tag
#PGCEarthDayEveryDay and @pgcsprout
(Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter).

To see a full list of activities, visit mypgc.us/earthday



A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Office of the County Executive for Prince George's County, Maryland wishes to recognize Earth Day, celebrated annually on April 22, which has served as a global call to action for over five decades—reminding us of our responsibility to protect our planet, conserve resources, and build a sustainable future; and

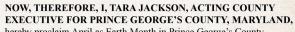
WHEREAS, while one day of awareness is important, true environmental progress requires consistent action, which is why Prince George's County extends Earth Day into Earth Month, dedicating the entire month of April to education, engagement, and collective action for a greener, healthier community; and

WHEREAS, Earth Month allows us to go beyond celebration and turn commitment into action, addressing urgent environmental challenges such as climate change, pollution, and resource conservation through community-led initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the County will promote #PGCEarthDayEveryDay, a social media campaign that highlights practical ways residents can contribute to sustainability, from conserving energy and reducing waste to participating in local cleanups; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County will host and support Earth Month activities, including the Growing Green with Pride community cleanup, Department of the Environment programs, and partnerships with local organizations to beautify neighborhoods and restore our natural spaces; and

WHEREAS, every Prince Georgian has the power to make a difference—whether through small daily habits or larger community efforts—ensuring our County remains a leader in environmental stewardship, sustainability, and resilience.



hereby proclaim April as Earth Month in Prince George's County. **FURTHER,** I encourage all Prince Georgians to join us in turning awareness into action, because when we work together, every day can be Earth Day.

Acting County Executive



Join Us Each Week in April as we present an Earth Month Video highlighting our programs and services on YouTube at PGCSprout

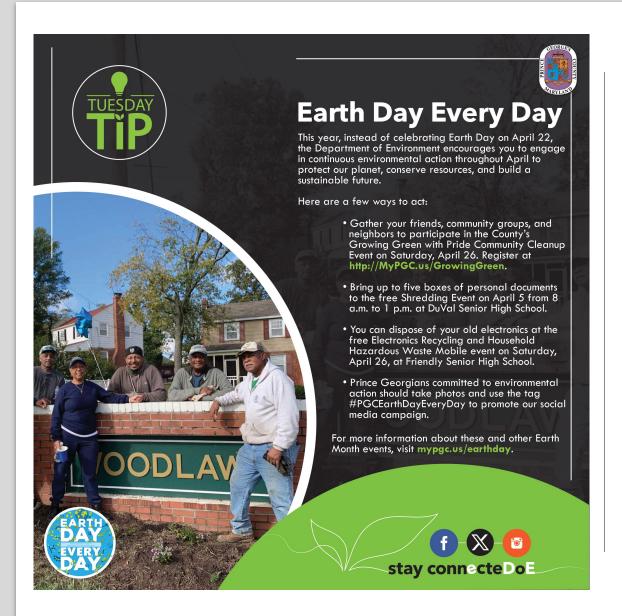


EARTH MONTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Our Earth Month Calendar Highlights FREE Shredding, Household Hazardous Waste, and Electronics Mobile Events, a FREE Mulch Madness Giveaway, and more.

Download a full-size copy of our Earth Month Calendar at mypgc.us/earthmonth.







Día de la Tierra todos los días

Este año, en lugar de celebrar el Día de la Tierra el 22 de abril, el Departamento de Medioambiente le anima a participar en acciones medioambientales continuas durante todo el mes de abril para proteger nuestro planeta, conservar los recursos y construir un futuro sostenible.

Aquí se mencionan algunas formas de actuar:

- Reúna a sus amigos, grupos comunitarios y vecinos para participar en el evento de limpieza comunitaria del condado "Crecer en ecología con orgullo" ("Growing Green with Pride", en inglés) el sábado 26 de abril. Regístrese en http://MyPGC.us/GrowingGreen.
- Traiga hasta cinco cajas de documentos personales al evento gratuito de trituración el 5 de abril de 8:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m. en la escuela secundaria DuVal.
- Puede deshacerse de sus aparatos electrónicos viejos en el evento móvil gratuito de Reciclaje de electrónicos y desechos peligrosos del hogar el sábado 26 de abril en la escuela secundaria Friendly.
- Los habitantes de Prince George comprometidos con la acción medioambiental deben hacer fotos y utilizar la etiqueta #PGCEarthDayEveryDay para promocionar nuestra campaña en las redes sociales.

Para obtener más información sobre estos y otros eventos del Mes de la Tierra, visite mypgc.us/earthday.





PGCLitterTrak Trainings Available!

Sign up for one of the upcoming training sessions to prepare for the spring Growing Green with Pride event on April 26, 2025!

All sessions will be held virtually at 6 p.m. on the following dates:





April 15



After registering for Growing Green with Pride, you will be directed to the PGCLitterTRAK signup page to choose your preferred training date.

Register in advance for a meeting:

https://mypgc.zoom.us/meeting/register/-ieEenszRleRj1XrpTHvpw





RAIN CHECK REBATE Contractor Training

April 2, 2025

DAY 1

Course topics include:

- Urban Tree Canopy
- Rain Barrels
- Cisterns
- Rain Gardens
- Conservation Landscaping
- Permeable Pavement
- ▶ Pavement Removal
- Green Roofs

DETAILS

DATE / TIME

April 2, 2025 8:15AM - 4:30PM

(RAIN DATE: April 3, 2025)

LOCATION

Clean Water Partnership 9475 Lottsford Rd, Suite 100 Largo, MD 20774 Conference Room

COST

Free of Charge for Landscape Professionals! ***BYO Lunch!*** Did you know that Prince George's County's Rain Check Program offers rebates to homeowners, businesses and others to install best management practices (BMPs) intended to capture stormwater runoff? This training is designed to provide landscape professionals with practical hands on information on the eight Rain Check Rebate practices and processes. Special emphasis is placed on rain gardens, pavement removal and permeable pavement.

This all-day training teaches landscape professionals how to plan, design, construct and maintain Rain Check Rebate practices. Classroom exercises provide guidance on practice selection, site assessment and site selection. After completion of the classroom training, participants are eligible to sign up for Day 2, which will be a field day to further hone their skills and help install or assess stormwater BMPs. Participants who successfully complete both sessions (classroom training + field day) will be added to the County's public list of landscape professionals who have completed the Rain Check Rebate Contractor Training.

HOW TO REGISTER

Go to: https://raincheck_april2025.eventbrite.com/. Click "Reserve a spot" and RSVP for FREE!

Questions? Contact kmattern@lidcenter.org





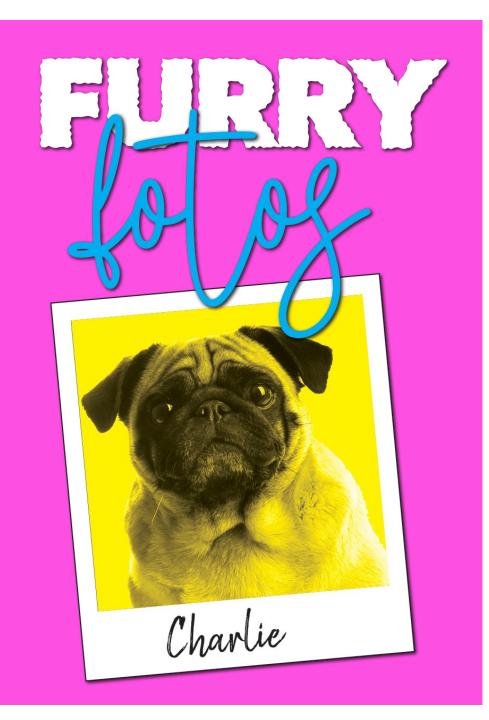




RAIN CHECK REBATE CONTRACTOR TRAINING

REGISTER: https://raincheck_april2025.Eventbrite.com/







Let's get social for the Adopt a Shelter Pet Day on April 30th in honor of Earth Month!

Take a picture of your furry, feathery, or scaly rescued pet(s) and share with the hashtags #PGCEarthDayEveryDay and #AdoptDontShop.













"Fotos" sent via email must be sent by Monday, April 21, 2025 to

doecomms@co.pg.md.us.

By submitting your photo, you grant permission for Prince George's County Government to post on its social media platforms, website and other promotional materials



Our Animal Services Division (ASD) is looking for volunteers to help walk and socialize dogs, play with cats, feed animals, clean, do office work, and do other tasks.

If you are 18 years old or older, and interested in helping with animals at the Animal Services Facility and Adoption Center (ASFAC), visit our website at www.princegeorgespets4us.com or call 301-780-7200 for more information.

The next upcoming orientations are Wednesday, April 9th, and Saturday, April 26th.

If you plan to attend an orientation, please RSVP 48 hours before the session by sending an email to asdcommunityoutreach@co.pg.md.us.



The Prince George's County Animal Services Division is looking for volunteers to assist with walking and training dogs, socializing and feeding animals, cleaning, laundry, office assistance, facility greeting, and off-site events.

UPCOMING ORIENTATIONS

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 10 a.m.



IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING, YOU MUST:

Be 14 - 18 years of age to complete high school required community service hours.

- · No hands-on with animals
- · Attend orientation
- Complete Volunteer Application
- Schedule a morning or afternoon shift any Mon-Fri (no weekends)

Be at least 18 years of age to work directly with animals.

- · Attend an orientation/facility tour
- Schedule one-on-one with volunteer coordinator
- . Commit to at least 4 hours a month

For more information, potential volunteers may visit the facility or call 301-780-7200, option 6. A copy of the application can be downloaded by scanning the QR code or by visiting www.princegeorgespets4us.com.



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY



DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

PET PARENTING CLASSES



Learn what it takes to be a responsible pet owner and a great family host to a four-legged friend for its lifetime. Time, cost, food, toys, medical, safety, social. all topics that will be covered during this 1-hour presentation with Q & A to follow. Meets the first Saturday of each month at noon.



Pet Parenting Classes

Next Workshop Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 12 p.m.

Learn what it takes to be a responsible pet owner and a great family host to a four-legged friend for its lifetime. Topics such as time, cost, food, toys, medical, safety, social, and more will be covered with Q & A.

Classes will meet the first Saturday of each month at 12 p.m., throughout 2025!

To secure attendance and register for this FREE class, please RSVP to <u>ASDcommunityoutreach@co.pg.md.us.</u>

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING &HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Residents will be able to drive-thru or drop off accepted household hazardous waste (HHW) and electronic items.



APR 26

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friendly High School 10000 Allentown Rd. Fort Washington, MD SATURDAY 17

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Prince George's Stadium 4101 Crain Hwy. Bowie, MD

Rain or Shine

Open to County residents ONLY (ID may be required)

Commercial vehicles and commercially generated items **NOT** permitted Multiple trips are not allowed for individuals or vehicles

Special accommodations can be provided upon request.

View the list of acceptable electronics and HHW items online at **bit.ly/pgcwastefacilities**.

For more information, visit **environment.mypgc.us** or contact **PGC311**.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING

*Vehicle must be in line by 1 p.m. to receive service.



DuVal High School 9880 Good Luck Rd. Lanham, MD 2025 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Largo Government Center 9200 Basil Ct. Largo, MD

Rain or Shine

Bring **UP TO FIVE (5)** boxes of paper per vehicle (non-commercial ONLY)

Please remember to remove all paper clips, staples, and other bindings

For more information, contact the Recycling Section at 301-883-3635 or visit **bit.ly/ResourceRecoveryDivision**.











DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

SATURDAY



Prince George's County Organics Composting Facility

6550 Maude Savoy Brown Rd., Upper Marlboro, MD

(From Crain Highway, proceed on Maude Savoy Brown Road to Facility)

8 a.m. to 1p.m. or while supplies last



SOURCE REDUCTION TIP:

Reduce water usage, prevent soil erosion, and reduce the use of herbicides in your home gardens by applying mulch.

- The event is for County residents only, proof of residency may be required.
- Self-loaders must bring their own shovels, pitch forks, bags, containers and/or tarps to secure/transport the material.
- Only non-commercial vehicles, 3/4-ton maximum weight are permitted. No business vehicle signage will be permitted, all commercial signs should be covered or removed prior to entering the site.

For more information, visit mypgc.us/mulchmadness











sábado 19



Instalaciones de Compostaje Orgánico del Condado de Prince George

> 6550 Maude Savoy Brown Rd., Upper Marlboro, MD

(Desde Crain Highway, siga por Maude Savoy Brown Road hasta las Instalaciones)

8 a.m. to 1p.m.

o hasta agotarse la existencia



CONSEJO PARA REDUCIR LA FUENTE DE RESIDUOS:

Reduzca el uso de agua, evite la erosión del suelo y reduzca el uso de herbicidas en los jardines de su hogar usando abono.

- El evento es solo para residentes del condado, es posible que se requiera prueba
- Residentes cargando el abono por sí mismos, deben traer sus propias palas, horcas/horquillas, bolsas, contenedores y/o lonas para asegurar/transportar el material.
- Solo se permiten vehículos no comerciales, con un peso máximo de 3/4 toneladas. No se permitirán vehículos con letreros comerciales, todos los letreros comerciales deben cubrirse o removerse antes de ingresar a las instalaciones.

Para obtener más información, visite mypgc.us/mulchmadness



Climate and Energy Sustainable Energy Initiatives

Clean Energy Program, Energy Efficiency & Solar Research Pilot Grants

The Clean Energy Program joins ongoing efforts and programs created by Prince George's County to uplift neighborhoods that face economic, health, public safety, and educational challenges. This grant award, coupled with state energy incentives, provides assistance to residents to adopt energy-efficiency measures and install rooftop solar in nine designated neighborhoods, classified as Energy Resiliency Communities only (ERCs).

The energy efficiency grant provides residents with financial assistance of up to \$6,250 to assist with the install of energy efficiency measures, a home energy assessment, and health and safety measures. The solar pilot grant provides up to \$10,000 after completion of energy efficiency upgrades. Applications for the solar pilot are accepted on a rolling basis from February 10 through July 25, 2025, or until all awards have been allocated.



To learn more, visit: mypgc.us/SustainableEnergy or email: CleanE@co.pg.md.us







Help Us Help Them!

Ways to help:

- Adopt or foster a pet
- Volunteer at the shelter
- Spay or neuter animals
- Microchip your pets
- Donate needed supplies

Find room in your heart or home to help a FUR-ever friend. Learn more at www.princegeorgespets4us.com.







Lend a hand in dog walking, cat socialization, small mammal care, treat stuffing and more.



SPAY & NEUTER and MICROCHIP

Keep your pets home. Keep your pets safe.



DONATE

Please consider making a donation to help us provide new Kuranda beds for our furry friends.



animal services division

Pet Fostering is for Everyone



Help save an animal's life – consider fostering a pet!

The process is easy:

- Submit an application
- Complete the online Orientation
- View adoptable pets and identify possible animals you can foster

Contact the shelter for more information today at 301-780-7200.

animal services division



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY RAIN CHECK REBATE PROGRAM

UPDATE: In keeping with FY26 budget prioritizations, the Rain Check Rebate Program and Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program will be suspended for FY26, July 1, 2025 – June 31, 2026.

To qualify for the rebate, Active Rain Check Rebate applications and projects must be completed and all materials submitted by May 1, 2025.

- Applications for Rain Check Rebates will be closed as of April 5, 2025.
- Active awarded Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program projects will continue.





Urban Tree

Canopy



Permeable Pavement





For more information, please contact the Chesapeake Bay Trust team (rebate@cbtrust.org) for help with the project close-out.



Resources and Contact Info



Rain Check Rebate website

www.cbtrust.org/princegeorgesraincheck

- Photos, fact sheets, guidelines, and maintenance information for the practices
- List of contractors that have completed a Countysponsored training course
- Application instructions and online application
- Frequently Asked Questions

Rain Check Rebate Coordinator

410-974-2941 x133 rebate@cbtrust.org

stormwater management division



Urban Tree Program



Step 1-Delivery



Step 2-Installation



Step 3-Long Term Maintenance

1,500 Trees to be installed in Municipal & HOA public spaces



TOWN OF CHEVERLY

Crestlawn Avenue, Park Way and Parkway Place Storm Drain Retrofit Project















KEEP BAGS:





WORK















The Better Bag Bill enforcement started April 1, 2024.

Businesses are prohibited from offering plastic bags and must provide paper or reusable bags for a fee.

Shoppers can report business violations @PGC311.com.

Learn more at mypgc.us/bagitright.



WHAT CAN I COMPOST?

¿Qué se Puede Compostar?



Yard Trim

Recortes de Jardín

Dairy Products

Productos Lácteos

Bread. Pasta and Grains





















Meat and Bones

Carne y Huesos Pan, Pasta v Granos

Seafood and Shellfish

Pescados y Mariscos

Uncoated Paper Plates and Bags

Bolsas y Platos de Papel Sin Recubrimiento

Eggs and Egg Shells Huevos y Cáscaras de Huevo

Tea Bags and Loose Tea Bolsas de Té y Té a Granel

Toallitas de Papel y Servilletas

Paper Ice Cream Containers Contenedor de Helado de Papel

Paper Towels and Napkins

Pizza Boxes

Caias de Pizza

Coffee Grounds and Filters

Granos de Café y Filtros

Leftovers

Restos de Comida

Food-soiled Paper

Papel Sucio con Restos de Comida

EVERY MONDAY

COMPOSTING IS AS EASY AS 1-2-3:

- 1 Put your kitchen pail in a convenient location
- 2 Empty contents of pail into green cart
- **3** Put green cart curbside by 6 a.m. Monday

mypgc.us/compost



PGC Composts!

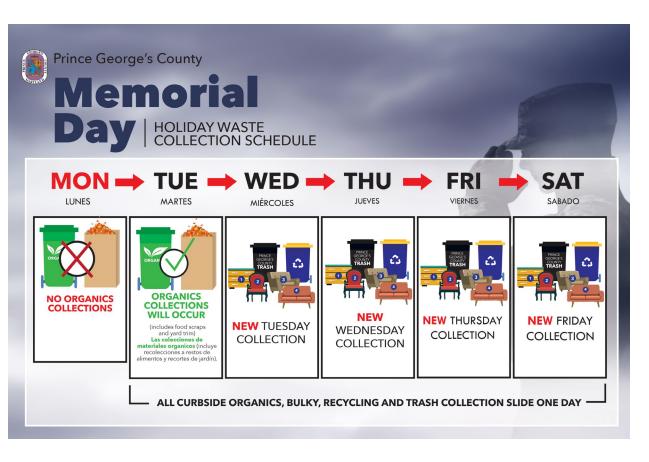
DoE has delivered green-wheeled carts, kitchen bins, and educational materials to ALL residents receiving County-provided services. You can begin to compost yard trim AND food scraps "Every Meal, Every Scrap, Every Monday!"

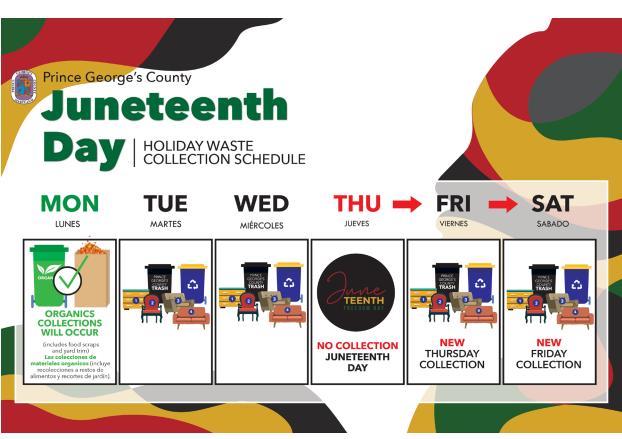
Not only can food and food-related items be placed in the bin, but also grass clippings, branches, brush, and other yard trim. PGC Composts helps keep valuable materials that are not waste out of our landfill, reduces excessive greenhouse gas emissions, protects our environment, and reduces the cost of trash pickup and its environmental impacts.

Place your food scraps and yard trim in your new green cart by 6 a.m. Monday for pickup. Learn more at mypgc.us/compost.



Holiday Waste Collection Schedules









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