

Where the Grass is Greener:



Welcome to the Department of Environmental Protection's monthly newsletter on organic lawns and lawn care. Discover tips and tools, learn about life in the soil, and connect with us on environmental stewardship of land and water.

In the Community



Join us for one of four talks throughout Montgomery County.

Learn about caring for soils and lawns organically!

Spring is around the corner, and grass will soon be green and growing. Join us for a talk by Mary Travaglini, our Sustainable Landscapes Manager, to learn about the importance of healthy soils for an organic lawn, and tips for caring for your lawn without synthetic pesticides and fertilizers.

There are four opportunities to join us throughout the County:

- March 13th, 7pm **Germantown Library** ([link to Register](#))
- March 20th, 7pm **Long Branch Library** (Silver Spring) ([link to Register](#))
- March 26th, 7pm **Connie Morella Library** (Bethesda) ([link to Register](#))
- March 27th, 7pm **Olney Library** ([link to Register](#))

Please register using the links above so you can receive a reminder, but all are welcome even without registration.

What's New?



DEP Travel Diaries: Winter Lawns in Ireland

In January, DEP's Sustainable Landscapes Manager traveled to Ireland, and it got us thinking about organic lawns. Courtyards in 900 year old monastic ruins and fields by 5,000 year old megalithic cemeteries were bright green, yet untouched by fertilizer bottles. [Read the full blog here.](#)



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