

# Homeowner Resources

The following web sites and organizations can help you employ watershed-friendly gardening and sustainable stormwater management at your home. The presence of a business or organization on this list does not constitute an endorsement by the Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District.

## **Rain barrels**

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/rainbarrels.htm>  
Information about Northern Virginia rain barrel building workshops.

[http://www.montgomeryconservation.org/rain\\_barrel\\_sources.htm](http://www.montgomeryconservation.org/rain_barrel_sources.htm)  
A comprehensive list of suppliers for rain barrels, diverters, and other rain barrel accessories.

[http://www.cwp.org/Community\\_Watersheds/brochure.pdf](http://www.cwp.org/Community_Watersheds/brochure.pdf)  
Center for Watershed Protection, Ellicott City-based non-profit  
Brochure on building a rain barrel.

<http://www.arlingtonecho.net/rainbarrel.htm>  
Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center, Anne Arundel County, Maryland  
Sell rain barrels and organizes self-build rain barrel workshops

<http://209.142.214.237/rainscapes/home.html>.  
The Rainscapes Project: a cooperative venture by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection and the Potomac Conservancy.  
Information about sizing, building, connecting and purchasing a rain barrel.

<http://www.riversides.org>  
Riversides sells the largest rain barrels (132 gallons) we have seen.

## **Local places to purchase ready-to-install rain barrels**

1. Merrifield's Garden Center (call to confirm in stock) ~\$150-200  
Phone: 1.877.560.6222
2. Plow and Hearth (must order) ~\$110  
Phone: (571) 522-1970/ [www.plowhearth.com](http://www.plowhearth.com)
3. Aqua Barrel  
[www.aquabarrel.com](http://www.aquabarrel.com)

## **Local places to purchase barrels**

1. [www.novabarrel.com](http://www.novabarrel.com)

## **Rain Gardens**

"Rain Gardens: A Landscape Tool to Improve Water Quality", Virginia Department of Forestry.  
This technical guide walks you through building a rain garden. Available as a booklet or a CD from the Fairfax County VDOF office, 703-324-1480, TTY 711.  
<http://www.dof.virginia.gov/rft/rain-gardens.shtml>

North Carolina State University guide to building homeowner rain gardens.  
<http://www.bae.ncsu.edu/topic/raingarden/Building.htm>

Rain garden planting guide & plant list from Virginia Cooperative Extension  
<http://www.ext.vt.edu/pubs/waterquality/426-043/426-043.html>

University of Wisconsin/Wisconsin DNR

Links to 2 brochures (.pdf format) on rain gardens. One provides a general introduction to rain gardens, the second is a step-by-step guide for homeowners on how to site, build and plant a rain garden.

<http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/raingarden>

Design and build for residential rain gardens:

Ross Pickford, Earth Solutions, 703-785-4451, [rpickford@earthsolutionsllc.net](mailto:rpickford@earthsolutionsllc.net)

For more references, contact the Virginia Society of Landscape Designers or use their on-line reference database: [www.vsls.org](http://www.vsls.org). email: [info@vsls.org](mailto:info@vsls.org)

## **Wildlife gardening**

Audubon at Home, Audubon Society of Northern Virginia

<http://audubonathomenva.org/>

Provides assistance to schools, churches and civic associations interested in creating wildlife/watershed-friendly landscapes. Classes and activities for adults and families.

National Audubon at Home program

[http://www.audubon.org/bird/at\\_home/index.html](http://www.audubon.org/bird/at_home/index.html)

On-line resources on wildlife/watershed-friendly landscapes.

National Wildlife Federation

<http://www.nwf.org/backyard>

Step by step information on how to create a wildlife habitat and get your garden certified with this national non-profit.

## **Watershed-friendly gardening & lawn care**

Your Yard and Water Quality

<http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/eb1744/eb1744.html>

Great web site to help all of us make simple landscaping and maintenance changes to improve water quality

You and Your Land – A Homeowner's Guide for the Potomac River Watershed

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/youyourland/intro.htm>

A thorough discussion of drainage and watershed-friendly landscape even if the plant lists are a bit out of date!

Tips on Keeping Your Lawn Green and the Bay Clean

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/lawntips.pdf>

Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation publication about green lawn care.

List of lawn care operators with water quality agreements with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Conservation.

[http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil\\_&\\_water/documents/wqagree.pdf](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil_&_water/documents/wqagree.pdf)

## **Native plants**

Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping: Chesapeake Bay Watershed (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

<http://www.nps.gov/plants/pubs/chesapeake/toc.htm>

Great publication about native plants with wonderful images and lots of detail about plant characteristics.

Native Plants for Conservation, Restoration and Landscaping  
[http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural\\_heritage/nativeplants.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/nativeplants.shtml)  
Web site includes several native plant lists.

Green Springs Gardens  
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp/gardening.htm>  
Plant lists for this region created by the horticulturists at this Annandale garden.

### **Native Plant Nurseries and Plant Sales**

North Creek Nurseries, Inc.  
<http://www.northcreeknurseries.com/>  
A wholesale nursery, but their web site is a wealth of information.

Native by Design  
<http://www.nature-by-design.com/>  
A local native plant nursery in Alexandria, Virginia

Virginia Native Plant Society's List of Native Plant Nurseries  
<http://www.vnps.org/nurslist.htm>

Green Springs Gardens Plant Sales – Fall and spring  
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp/>

Park Fairfax Plant Sale – Fall and spring  
<http://home.earthlink.net/~sknudsen/index.html>

### **Invasive plants**

Virginia invasive plant species  
[http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural\\_heritage/invspinfo.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/invspinfo.shtml)  
Information about what an invasive plant is and a list of the currently recognized invasive plants in Virginia.

Plant Invaders of Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas (National Park Service/U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service)  
<http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/pubs/midatlantic/>  
Great publication about invasives and what you can substitute for them in your garden with fantastic photos.

### **Green Roofs**

To install a green roof, you will need a green roof specialist/landscape architect and also typically a green roof plant supplier to work with you on your project. You may also need a roofer depending on the resources your green roof specialist can offer. If you are building an addition, you will also need a builder or architect that is familiar with green roof projects.

The most comprehensive list of green roof resources on-line:  
[www.greenroofplants.com](http://www.greenroofplants.com) Click on Links on the top right corner of the page.

### Builders/Architects

Case Design  
4701 Sangamore Rd., North Plaza  
Bethesda, MD 20816  
420-349-4130  
[www.casedesign.com](http://www.casedesign.com)

Moss Building & Design  
4265-D Brookfield Corporate Dr.  
Chantilly, VA 20151  
703-961-7707  
[www.mossconstruction.net](http://www.mossconstruction.net)

Bud Adams  
Robert Bentley Adams Architects  
405 S. Washington St.  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703-549-0650  
[www.adamsarchitects.com](http://www.adamsarchitects.com)

### Green Roof Specialists/Landscape Architects

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1701 6<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
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[info@dcgreenworks.org](mailto:info@dcgreenworks.org)  
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### Plant Suppliers

Michael Perry  
Building Logics  
2984 South Lynnhaven Rd  
Suite 103  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452  
757-431-3170  
[www.buildinglogics.com](http://www.buildinglogics.com)

Gary Tinder  
Stone Crop LLC  
6909 Esmont Rd  
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### Pervious Pavement

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Many local lawn and landscape companies have certified installers on staff. To identify a certified installer, use the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute's on-line installer search feature for homeowners at: [http://www.icpi.org/homeowners/find\\_installer.cfm](http://www.icpi.org/homeowners/find_installer.cfm)