

## Internet Resource Guide

The following on-line resources and organizations provide information about watershed-friendly gardening and residential LID practices including rain barrels and rain gardens.

### 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A thorough discussion of drainage and watershed-friendly landscape even if the plant lists are a bit out of date!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 invasive species and what you can substitute for them in your garden with fantastic photos.

## **Rain barrels**

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

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

[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.

Center for Watershed Protection  
[http://www.cwp.org/Community\\_Watersheds/brochure.pdf](http://www.cwp.org/Community_Watersheds/brochure.pdf)  
Brochure on building a rain barrel.

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

Gardener's Supply  
<http://www.gardeners.com/on/demandware.store/Sites-Gardeners-Site/default/>  
Order a rain barrel here and learn all about installation

Riversides

<http://www.riversides.org>

Riversides sells the largest rain barrels (132 gallons) we have seen.

Local places to purchase ready-to-install rain barrels

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

Local places to purchase barrels so that you can build your own rain barrel

- [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 and 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:

Angler Environmental

12811 Randolph Ridge Rd., Manassas, VA 20109

703-393-4844

[www.anglerenvironmental.com](http://www.anglerenvironmental.com)

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.vslld.org](http://www.vslld.org). email: [info@vslld.org](mailto:info@vslld.org)

## 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

Ross Pickford  
Earth Solutions, LLC  
730-785-4451  
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[www.capitolgreenroofs.com](http://www.capitolgreenroofs.com)

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[katrin@scholz-barth.com](mailto:katrin@scholz-barth.com)  
[www.scholz-barth.com](http://www.scholz-barth.com)

D.C. Greenworks  
1701 6<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
202-518-6195  
[info@dcgreenworks.org](mailto:info@dcgreenworks.org)  
[www.dcgreenworks.org](http://www.dcgreenworks.org)

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  
Esmont, VA 22937  
(434) 286-3348  
[gwtinder@msn.com](mailto:gwtinder@msn.com)

[www.stonecrops.com](http://www.stonecrops.com)

Ed Snodgrass  
Emory Knoll Farms  
3410 Ady Rd  
Street, MD 21154  
410-452-5880  
[www.greeroofplants.com](http://www.greeroofplants.com)

## **Pervious Pavement**

Ross Pickford  
Earth Solutions, LLC  
730-785-4451  
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Many local lawn and landscape companies have a certified installer of pervious pavement 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)

## **Local Contractors- Big**

Angler Environmental  
12811 Randolph Ridge Rd., Manassas, VA 20109  
703-393-4844  
[www.anglerenvironmental.com](http://www.anglerenvironmental.com)

Community Landscape  
[www.community-landscape.com](http://www.community-landscape.com) - (703) 471-8019  
Community landscape is a team who seems able to satisfy any landscaping needs. While the website is a bit vague, the pictures of their landscaping designs show beautiful, original work.

Merrifield Garden Center  
<http://www.merrifieldgardencenter.com/v.php?pg=5>  
From tree transplanting to irrigation management, Merrifield Garden Center does it all. Their team, which includes over 30 landscape designs and consultants, also offers competitive rates.

Cravens Nursery  
<http://www.cravensnursery.com/landscape/landscape.htm>  
Since 1973, Cravens has delivered quality materials and labor, which are guaranteed for one full year. They even include design and installation of LIDs, including paver driveways, walkways, and patios.

Pine Ridge Landscaping  
14601 Flint Lee Rd, Chantilly, VA - (703) 803-4400  
<http://www.pineridgelandscaping.com/index.html>  
An excellent website. Very thorough and well organized. The landscaping company has a whole line of service dedicated to lake, pond and storm pond management.

Heritage Landscape Services  
4130 Pepsi Pl, Chantilly, VA - (703) 502-9301  
[http://www.heritagelandscape-services.com/xhtml/about\\_us.html](http://www.heritagelandscape-services.com/xhtml/about_us.html)  
Multifaceted landscaping design company- the website includes stunning pictures of their work.

Lancaster Landscapes Inc  
8505 Lee Hwy, Fairfax, VA - (703) 846-0944

<http://www.lancasterlandscapes.com/services.html>

Certified by the International Society of Arboriculture, Lancaster Landscapes is qualified to assist in landscaping needs. Not as thorough as the other websites listed.

Marteeny Landscape Inc

25241 Willard Rd, Chantilly, VA - (703) 327-7752

<http://www.marteenylandscape.com/what.htm>

Doesn't have the most detailed website- however, they claim to install plants and renovate landscapes.

## **Local Contractors- Small**

AM Progressing Landscaping

[ampragraslandscaping.com](http://ampragraslandscaping.com) - (703) 865-6690

Jas Professional Landscaping

(703) 273-6140

Byron's Landscaping

(703) 790-8028

Bill's Landscaping

4005 Burke Station Rd, Fairfax, VA - (703) 691-4237

Australian Landscaping & Construction

11522 Popes Head Rd, Fairfax, VA - (703) 278-0221

Area Landscaping Inc

4118 Olley Ln, Fairfax, VA - (703) 323-0123

Landscape Concepts of Fairfax

3006 James St, Fairfax, VA - (703) 250-1592

Nature's Call

2800 Juniper St # 8, Fairfax, VA - (703) 560-4154

## **Equipment Rental**

Home Depot

[www.HomeDepotRents.com](http://www.HomeDepotRents.com)

-2815 Merrilee Dr, Fairfax, VA 22031

-6210 Seven Corners Ctr, Falls Church, VA 22044

-3201 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax, VA 22030

-12275 Price Club Plz, Fairfax, VA 22030

-1651 Reston Pkwy, Reston, VA 20194

Lowe's

-6750 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA

(703) 765-8011

-13856 Metrotech Drive, Chantilly, VA

(703) 376-6300

Rental Works

<http://www.arlington-fairfax-virginia-rental-equipment.com/>

Lists products and services, convenient location- the website has coupons.

Brooke Rental Center: Chinaware-Glassware-Silverlinen-Tents

4831 1st St N, Arlington, VA - (703) 243-2122

<http://www.brookerental.com/>

The website is extremely helpful- detailed with a detailed list of products and their rates.

Capital Rentals Inc

4125 Hummer Rd, Annandale, VA - (703) 750-3350

<http://www.capitalrentals.com/>

A great website- there are hundreds of tools that are thoroughly described: productivity, weight, width, engine options, pattern, etc...

Bill's True Value Hardware

2213 N. Buchanan Street, Arlington, VA - (703) 524-2553

<http://www.billstruevalue.com/>

The website is just a home page but the store, itself, offers a wide selection of tools and hardware. However, there are online complaints about the customer service.

Rental Tools & Equipment Co

[www.ur.com](http://www.ur.com) - (703) 560-0001

Online search for any type of tool imaginable- all tools delivered to your house.

### **Where to find the materials:**

Merrifield Garden Center

8132 Lee Hwy, Falls Church, VA - (703) 560-6222

[Merrifieldgardencenter.com](http://Merrifieldgardencenter.com)

The best website! Has practically anything you could ever need to garden. All product lists have a picture, description and price.

Meadows Farms Nurseries

<http://www.meadowsfarms.com/>

6461 Arlington Blvd, Falls Church, VA - (703) 538-3100

6801 Industrial Rd, Springfield, VA - (703) 941-5656

<http://www.meadowsfarms.com/>

Two local locations- the website design is of poor quality but they have a substantial product list.

Burke Nursery & Garden Centre

9401 Burke Road | Burke, VA 22015

3155 West Ox Road | Oak Hill, VA 20171

[Burkenursery.com](http://Burkenursery.com)

Two locations in the area- the website doesn't have a product list but the sales rep. said they sell soil, gravel, and mulch along with a myriad of plants.

Wolf Trap Nursery

9439 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA - (703) 759-4244

<http://www.wolftrapnursery.com/SmoothTemplate8874.html>

Open all year. The website doesn't list specific types of soil, mulch or gravel.

Silverbrook Nursery & Landscaping

8408 Monacan Rd, Lorton, VA - (703) 690-1231

<http://www.silverbrooknursery.com/>

Solid website- has pictures and a wide selection of gardening materials.

Betty's Azalea Ranch

[www.bettysazalearanch.com](http://www.bettysazalearanch.com) - (703) 830-8687

Garden World of Virginia Inc

[www.gardenworldofva.com](http://www.gardenworldofva.com) - (703) 591-6619

## **Biolog retailers**

ACF Environmental  
3720 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly, VA 20151  
Phone: 703-631-9455  
<http://www.acfenvironmental.com/>

Springdale Aquatic Nursery and Supply  
340 Old Quarry Lane, Greenville, VA 24440-0546  
[www.springdalewatergardens.com](http://www.springdalewatergardens.com)

Ecofabriks  
Gaithersburg, MD 20898  
+1 (301) 916-6230  
Mr. Stanley Job  
<http://www.ecofabriks.com>

EcoDepot, LLC  
1405 Benson Ct, Suite D, Arbutus, Maryland, 21227  
301-252-5537  
<http://www.ecodepotsales.com>

Sylva Native Nursery & Seed  
1683 Sieling Farm Road, New Freedom, PA 17349  
(717) 227-0486  
[www.sylvanative.com](http://www.sylvanative.com)

Pinelands Nursery  
323 Island Road, Columbus, NJ 08022  
(609) 291-9486  
[www.pinelandsnursery.com](http://www.pinelandsnursery.com)

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