



## Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Stormwater Best Management Practices for Homeowners

Education Series Coordinated by [Green-CAUSE](http://www.green-cause.org)

Mechanicsburg, PA, November 1, 2013 – This FREE and timely series of Best Management Practice (BMP) presentations, coordinated by Green-CAUSE\*, will provide homeowners and renters in MS4-identified\*\* municipalities with practical instruction on stormwater management, while helping municipalities meet their MS4 permit requirements. MS4 refers to the federal legislation mandating that municipalities reduce, to the greatest extent possible, the quantity of pollutants that stormwater runoff picks up and releases into local streams and rivers. Attendees will learn from local educators ways to benefit from keeping stormwater on their properties - and out of their basements, nearby streets, and endangered waterways. Through this series of fun, interactive courses, we hope to help alleviate the negative impacts of stormwater runoff, including serious flooding and overburdened sewer treatment systems, while improving the quality of life in our area and all watersheds downstream.

We ask local municipalities to use their newsletters, websites, and other outreach to make residents aware of these opportunities, and we encourage boroughs and townships to use promotion of this series as part of their MS4 reporting requirements. A short press release, attached, has been provided to help share this information with residents. We will also provide each municipality with a total number of registrants and attendees from that municipality.

The events will be held at Trails and Trees Environmental Center, 1731 S. York Street, Mechanicsburg, unless otherwise noted below. All locations are within the Capital region and offer unique features, effectively demonstrating the application of stormwater BMPs.

**All presentations to be held from 10 AM to 12 PM.** In the case of travel advisories, events will be rescheduled. **ALL CHANGES AND FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON THE GREEN-CAUSE.ORG. CALENDAR.**

Sat. Feb. 8	<b>Watershed 101- Why Should We Care?</b>
Sat. Mar. 8	<b>Rain Barrels &amp; Cisterns</b>
Sat. Apr. 12	<b>Rain Gardens</b>
Sat. Apr. 19	<b>Visit:</b> Meet at Lower Allen Twp. Building Rain Gardens (2233 Gettysburg Road); end at Lemoyne Rain Gardens on Market St. (street parking on Market St. between 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sts. and on side streets)
Sat. May 10	<b>Lawn and Garden BMPs</b>
Sat. May 31	<b>Visit:</b> Mechanicsburg's Waste Water Treatment Plant (842 West Church Rd.)
Sat. June 14	<b>Visit:</b> Permaculture Home Tour (129 North 19 <sup>th</sup> St., Camp Hill)
Sat. June 23-27	<b>Rainin' Cats and Dogs Youth Day Camp</b> (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade) - Sign up at Mechanicsburg Parks and Rec 691-4572 - ext 0
Sat. July 12	<b>Roof Gardens and Greenroofs</b>
Sat. July (TBA)	<b>Visit:</b> PAWC's West Shore Regional Drinking Water Treatment Plant in Fairview Township
Sat. Aug. 9	<b>BMP Hardware for Homeowners</b>
Sat. Sept. 13	<b>Riparian Buffers</b> (With opportunity for hands-on planting)
Sat. Oct. 11	<b>Wise Water Usage Practices – Saving Money Twice</b>
Sat. Nov. 8	<b>Stormwater Summary</b>

**To reserve a place in one, several, or all courses, please email [paulgarrett@green-cause.org](mailto:paulgarrett@green-cause.org).** Please direct questions to Paul Garrett at that email address or by calling 717-514-3546.

\*Please visit [www.green-CAUSE.org](http://www.green-CAUSE.org) for more information about our organization and environmental efforts.

\*\*These classes are open to all, but Green-CAUSE's outreach will focus on the EPA's [MS4-mandated](#) municipalities. It may be necessary to limit attendance when the location, topic, or availability of resources necessitates. For this reason, and so participants can be notified of any schedule changes or cancellations, reservations are strongly encouraged.