



## ORGANIC GARDENING SERIES - "Building the Foundations of Sustainability"

Growing your own food is one of the best ways to be green. Are you a novice ready to start a garden on your balcony or is a half-acre garden in your future? Are you a seasoned pro wanting to pick up some new gardening ideas? Or do you want to learn the fundamentals so you can start a garden in the future? Whatever your level of experience, or size garden you have in mind, you'll find something interesting in our Green Gardening Series of four classes this spring. There will be two indoor classes at the EnviroCenter in Jessup, and two classes at Shaw Farm in Columbia, MD (Certified Organic since 1997). These classes will be full of practical information and attendees will be able to plan their own garden, start their own seeds, and buy the right equipment to grow their own food.

### **Class #1 - April 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 - 9pm**

In this class you will learn where to go for information, tools, etc., how to locate and design a garden, keep the critters out, plan your crop rotation, and order your seeds. Topics include: Sources of info and supplies, Soil, Fertilizers and soil amendments, Crop rotation and cover crops, Crop planning, Seed ordering. *Homework: Take photos of possible garden sites, soil samples, measure, determine orientation, (bring info to next class).*  
*Class Location: The EnviroCenter*

### **Class #2 - April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7 - 9pm**

In this class you will have a chance to learn from real life examples through analysis of photos, maps etc. from attendees plots. Then you will learn how to start seeds and raise your own healthy organic transplants. Topics include: Review garden design plans, photos, soil samples and questions, Mapping and Designing your garden, Fencing, Seed starting, Care of Transplants.  
*Class Location: The EnviroCenter*

### **Class #3 - May 8<sup>th</sup>, 9am - 1pm**

In this class you will learn the selection, use and maintenance of the tools suited to your size operation. You'll also learn about composting, soil preparation, direct seeding, and transplanting. Topics include: Tools, Composting, Soil preparation, Seeding, Transplanting  
*Class Location: Shaw Farm*

### **Class #4 - May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am - 1pm.**

In this class we will cover types of irrigation, how to organically deal with weeds and pests, harvest tips and techniques, and more about the function and use of cover crops. Topics include: Irrigation, Cultivation, Weed Management, Pest Management, Harvesting, Cover Crops  
*Class Location: Shaw Farm*

### **Registration Fees**

**Classes 1 & 2** \$55 each (\$40 each Green Building Institute members)

**Classes 3 & 4** \$75 each (\$60 each Green Building Institute members)

**Special for GBI Members only - register for all four classes for \$175**

### **Please register me for:**

- Class 1 - April 8<sup>th</sup>**
- Class 2 - April 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- Class 3 - May 8<sup>th</sup>**
- Class 4 - May 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- All Four Classes**

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