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### **County residents can save rain to ‘Heal the Watershed’** *Free Rain Garden Series Helps Homeowners Conserve Water*

Rain barrels and rain gardens are effective ways for homeowners to conserve on water bills and protect the region’s watershed.

The Delaware County Conservation District is partnering with the Pennsylvania Resources Council to offer a series of four free Rain Barrel and Rain Garden workshops to teach residents the benefits of these personal water quality systems.

The first “Healing the Watershed” workshop was held on Tuesday, March 9. The remaining workshops will be held on the following dates:

- 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 12, at the Brookhaven Borough Municipal Building Community Room.
- 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 3, at the Watkins Senior Center in Upper Darby Township.
- 7 p.m. Monday, June 7, at the Springfield Township Municipal Building.

Each workshop aims to educate homeowners on various storm water management practices that can be implemented at home to improve local water quality. Participants will learn about the sources of pollution, the problems associated with storm water run-off, and ways that individuals can protect natural environment through the conservation of soil, water and other resources.

Participants will learn how to construct and maintain a beautiful rain garden and rain barrel. Both rain gardens and barrels help to conserve water, reduce runoff pollution, as well as reduce the potential for home flooding and mosquito breeding. Rain barrels even serve as a backup source of water during drought conditions.

Residents can register for the “Healing the Watershed” workshop online by visiting [www.delcocd.org](http://www.delcocd.org) or call the Delaware County Conservation District at (610) 892-9484.