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**Delaware County Promotes Water and Energy Conservation Practices**  
*County's Conservation District Offers Free Water and Energy Conservation Workshops*

Delaware County residents can learn how to conserve water and save energy through a series of free workshops being offered through the Delaware County Conservation District. The Delaware County Conservation District is partnering with the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) to offer a series of free, educational workshops aimed at helping residents establish environmentally friendly practices in the home and work place.

The workshops, titled "*We All Live Downstream*" and "*Bringing Green Energy Home*," are funded through two grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Environmental Education Grants Program. The first series of workshops titled "*We All Live Downstream*" will take place this spring, beginning on Thursday, May 5. The second series, titled "*Bringing Green Energy Home*" will take place this summer starting on Wednesday, July 13. For information about either program, residents can call the Delaware County Conservation District at (610) 892-9484 or visit [www.delcocd.org](http://www.delcocd.org).

The Conservation District is a service of County government that advocates for natural resource protection and conservation. The Pennsylvania Resource Council's mission is to promote individual and collection actions to preserve Pennsylvania's environmental resources.

"These programs provide residents with useful information on alternative energy technologies and water conservation techniques they can do in their homes or offices to save money and energy, and to protect our environment," said County Council Vice Chairman Christine Fizzano Cannon. "I encourage our residents to take advantage of these free workshops."

**"We All Live Downstream"**

"*We All Live Downstream*" will combine multimedia, interactive presentations to inform residents on water conservation and storm water management practices for households, businesses and municipalities.

*(Conservation workshops continued)*

Residents will learn about conserving water in the home, environmentally friendly auto care, sump pump drainage retrofits and proper function of storm water management basins. The series will also discuss the benefits of native landscaping for water conservation, rain gardens and rain barrels.

A total of five “*We All Live Downstream*” workshops will be conducted this May through June. All workshops are 7-8:30 p.m. The workshops are scheduled for: Thursday, May 5 at Upper Darby Township Municipal Building, 100 Garrett Road, Upper Darby; Monday, May 23 at Upper Chichester Municipal Building; P.O. Box 2187 Furey Road, Boothwyn; Monday, June 6 at Pennsylvania Resources Council, 3606 Providence Road, Newtown Square; Thursday, June 23 at Radnor Township Municipal Building, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne; and Wednesday, June 29 at Thornbury Township Municipal Building, 6 Township Drive, Cheyney.

### **“Bringing Green Energy Home”**

The “*Bringing Green Energy Home*” series aims to educate homeowners and renters on alternative energy technologies, which include compact fluorescent light bulbs, solar-powered water heaters, hybrid vehicles and more.

A total of five “*Bringing Green Energy Home*” workshops will be conducted this July through August. These workshops will also be held from 7-8:30 p.m. The workshops are scheduled for: Wednesday, July 13 at Swarthmore Borough Hall, 121 Park Avenue, Swarthmore; Thursday, July 28 at Radnor Township Municipal Building, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne; Thursday, August 4 at Thornbury Township Municipal Building, 6 Township Drive, Cheyney; Thursday, August 11 at Middletown Township Municipal Building, 27 N. Pennell Road, Lima; and Monday, August 22 at Pennsylvania Resources Council, 3606 Providence Road, Newtown Square.

During the program, the Pennsylvania Resource Council’s trained environmental educators will present 90-minute multimedia and interactive presentations discussing all aspects of energy use in the home. This workshop will benefit homeowners as well as business owners and landlords.

Both traditional and non-traditional household energy conservation methods will be discussed. Residents can learn about Energy Star appliances, insulation, low-e windows, and computerized regulation of thermostats and lighting. Environmental educators will be available to answer questions after every workshop.

Up to 80 participants per workshop will return home with a complimentary compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL,) and course materials to help establish energy conservation efforts. One lucky participant per workshop will also win a home energy audit worth \$250.

\* Residents can register for the “*We All Live Downstream*” and “*Bringing Green Energy Home*” workshops online by visiting [www.delcocd.org](http://www.delcocd.org) or [www.prc.org](http://www.prc.org). People can also call the Delaware County Conservation District at (610) 892-9484. Online registration is preferred.



**CAPTION: DELAWARE COUNTY BRINGS GREEN ENERGY PRACTICES “HOME”**

Delaware County Council Vice Chairman Christine Fizzano Cannon and Brian Vadino, Watershed Specialist for the Delaware County Conservation District, invite residents to a series of free energy and water conservation workshops being offered this spring and summer. To learn more about the workshops, residents can visit [www.delcocd.org](http://www.delcocd.org). Residents can also call the Delaware County Conservation District at (610) 892-9484.