



# Calvert County NEWS

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### **Calvert County to Host Free Rain Barrel Workshops**

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – May 5, 2017** – The Calvert County Department of Public Works, University of Maryland Extension Program and Calvert County Citizens Green Team will host three rain barrel workshops during the free Green Expo & Craft Fair being held Saturday, June 3 at Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center. Rain barrels have many practical uses for citizens and reduce the impact of runoff on local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay.

The rain barrel workshops will be held at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Calvert County residents can purchase two rain barrels for the discounted rate of \$30 each. Additional barrels can be purchased at the non-county resident rate of \$64 each. A flexible downspout connector is available for \$10 and a watering can spigot can be purchased for \$8. Registration and purchase forms are available online at [ter.ps/GREENEXPO](http://ter.ps/GREENEXPO).

The Green Expo and Craft Fair features multiple workshops and demonstrations focused on sustainable living and environmental stewardship. The event hosts more than 100 vendors who showcase green living, renewable energy and green technology. In addition, the Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) will be accepting old air conditioners and dehumidifiers from SMECO residential customer-members. In exchange for each unit, SMECO will mail a \$25 check. There will also be opportunities to learn how to lower home energy costs, harness solar power, find green products for home and business, plant a healthier garden, compost waste and so much more.

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Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center is located at 13480 Dowell Road in Dowell. For more information about the Green Expo & Craft Fair visit online at [www.annmariegarden.org](http://www.annmariegarden.org). Learn more about the Calvert County Department of Public Works by visiting them online at [www.co.cal.md.us](http://www.co.cal.md.us). Like Calvert County Government on [Facebook](#).

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