

The Brookeville Times

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State of Maryland's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the State of Maryland will be receiving approximately \$52 million in funding for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program. Based on population, the Town of Brookeville was not eligible to receive EECBG grants directly from DOE. The Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) has approximately \$9.6 million in EECBG funds for projects to be implemented in the non-eligible Maryland counties and municipalities. The Town of Brookeville allotment will be a \$5000 EECBG sub-grant from MEA if our grant proposal plan:

- Reduce fossil fuel emissions in a manner that is environmentally sustainable and maximizes benefits for local and regional communities;
- Reduce the total energy use of the eligible entities; and
- Improve energy efficiency in the building sector, the transportation sector, and other appropriate sectors.

Local governments may develop initiatives and projects that address one or more of these purposes, and each activity is not required to meet all of the stated purposes. Local governments are encouraged to develop many different new and innovative approaches. However, all funds must be used cost-effectively and in a manner that yields longer-term energy and emission reductions benefits. All projects must also be conducted in a manner which complies with the DOE rules and regulations.

More information about EECBG can be found at: <http://www.energy.state.md.us/EECBG.asp>

Don't forgot to Attend the
Annual Town Holiday Party
SATURDAY DECEMBER 5, 2009
6:00pm – 10:00pm
BROOKEVILLE ACADEMY

Please bring your favorite dish to share.
R.S.V.P to Cate McDonald 301-570-4465 or townofbrookeville@comcast.net

Green Tips

Fall – A Great Time to Compost

Now that the leaves have fallen off the trees, have you considered composting those leaves instead of raking the leaves and placing them in paper lawn bags or in reusable containers for curbside recycling collection?

Composting is recycling, but it's recycling in your own backyard.

The Town of Brookeville encourages residents to recycle their yard trim materials such as grass clippings, leaves and garden trimmings by composting. All you need to get started is a compost bin. The Town has compost bins available at no charge to residents.

Once you have your compost bin in place, there are a few easy tips to follow. In the end, you will get a rich, dark brown-black, crumbly, sweet-smelling material that you can use in your garden, in potting soil, or sprinkle on your lawn and will provide essential nutrients to your plants and lawn. It's a great substitute for commercial fertilizers and is good for the environment.

How to Compost: Place a mixture of leaves and grass clippings into your compost bin. If you add only leaves, it will take a longer time to make compost. A three-to-one mix of carbon to nitrogen materials (see list) works the best. Adding only grass clippings may result in a strong odor when the grass decomposes, so make sure to add some carbon-rich materials such as leaves when you add grass clippings.

COMPOSTING DO'S

Carbon-Rich (Brown) Materials

- Dry leaves
- Cotton rags
- Dryer and vacuum lint
- Sawdust
- Straw
- Wood chips

Nitrogen-Rich (Green) Materials

- Plant trimmings
- Flowers
- Grass clippings
- Fresh hay
- Nut Shells

COMPOSTING DON'Ts

- Black walnut leaves or twigs
- Coal or charcoal ash
- Diseased or insect-ridden plants
- Food wastes* (dairy products, fats, grease, lard, oils, meats, fish, bones and vegetable scraps)
- Pet wastes

*Please note: Adding food scraps to a compost bin is strongly discouraged as it can attract pests such as insects and rodents

Free Compost Bins The compost bins come in tight rolls, secured with a cardboard wrapper, for transport. The rolls are about 3 feet long and 6 inches in diameter. They are easy to carry. The Town has several of these compost bins available for Town Residents.

Want to help reduce your energy bill?

Try switching just your holiday lights to Light-emitting diode bulbs (LEDs) to bring down that bill. How?

- ✓ LED bulbs use 90% less energy than traditional incandescent bulbs.
- ✓ If you switch over to LED holiday lights, you'll save an average of \$50 over the holiday season on your energy bills
- ✓ LEDs last about 6 times as long as CFLs and 60 times as long as old-school incandescent bulbs, so you have to change them less often.
- ✓ They're less likely to cause fires (as much as 90% of the energy consumed by incandescent lights is given off as heat).
- ✓ Unlike CFLs, LEDs contain no mercury.

STREET LIGHTS

If you notice a Pepco street light that is out, please look for a metal strip on the wooden pole that has the pole number and report the location of the street light to the Town Clerk. If the wooden pole does not have a pole number, please report the location of the street light.

The Town also operates several cast iron ornamental street lights and 3 wooden ornamental street lights. These ornamental street lights do not have pole numbers. If you notice an ornamental street light that is out, please report the location to the Town Clerk.

Have an Item for The Brookeville Times?

Let us know!! We want to hear about happenings in the Town of Brookeville. You can submit articles/photos about places you've been, work you've done, new neighbors, weddings, birth announcements, anything of interest to you and your neighbors. Contact the Town Clerk at 301-570-4465 or townofbrookeville@comcast.net

Snow Removal

The Town of Brookeville contracts with a snow plowing service for North, South, Water and Church Streets. During a snowstorm, no plowing begins until an accumulation of 4 inches of snow has fallen on the streets. The Maryland State Highway Administration clears Georgia Avenue (Maryland Route 97) - the Town's High Street and western Market Street and Montgomery County does the same for eastern Market Street where it switches from Brighton Dam Road.

Those residents and businesses with abutting sidewalks are responsible for clearing their sidewalks, driveways and entrances within 24 hours of the end of a snowstorm. All residents are strongly encouraged to be good neighbors by clearing the sidewalks in front of their homes, as well as assisting those who may not be physically able to do so.



Upcoming Dates

Planning Commission	1Dec 7:30pm
Holiday Party	5Dec 6:00pm
Commissioners Meeting	14Dec 8:00pm
Planning Commission	5Jan 7:30pm
Commissioners Meeting	11Jan 8:00pm

All meetings and events are held at the Brookeville Academy and are open to the public.

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