

Green Village 2009 Lecture Series

Village of Plainfield Plainfield Public Library District

The Village of Plainfield Community Development Department and the Plainfield Public Library District have partnered to present a year-long series of monthly informational discussions and hands-on workshops focused on a range of environmental topics. Programs are held the second Monday of each month at the Plainfield Public Library, 15025 S. Illinois St., Plainfield, IL 60544, from 6:30 to 8 pm. For more information or to register on-line, please visit <http://plainfield.lib.il.us/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>. For more information by phone, call Judi Deszcz at the Plainfield Public Library at (815) 327-2524 or Jonathan Proulx, AICP, Planner II, with the Village of Plainfield at (815) 609-6139.

Jan. 12th

Conservation Plainfield Spotlight

Learn how you can take part in CP's efforts to promote environmental awareness through such annual programs as a natural garden tour, park enhancement project and more.

June 8th

Rain Garden Demonstration

Another active demonstration of what's involved in creating a rain garden to capture and infiltrate runoff and enjoy the beautiful landscapes that rain gardens support.

Feb. 9th

Vermicomposting

This demonstration will introduce the basics of worm composting, indoor worm bins, and learning how to care for them. Learn how to turn your food scraps into fertilizer for your plants!

July 13th

Beginning Natural Gardens

Learn from your Plainfield neighbors who have established successful native landscapes. Hear helpful hints about how their gardens were started and get a sneak-peek at the August *Conservation Plainfield* natural garden tour.

March 9th

Outdoor Composting at Home

This demonstration details setting up an outdoor composting system, the basics of keeping a system going, troubleshooting, harvesting, and using your "black gold".

Sept. 14th

Native Plants from Seeds

We can benefit from Mother Nature's reproduction cycle to start our own native plants from seed. Learn how to generate new plants (indoors or out) from seeds already produced by existing plants.

April 13th

Rain Barrel Demonstration

This hands-on session will feature an actual installation of a rain barrel. Speakers will highlight the many benefits of harnessing rain water for re-use.

Oct. 19th

Shrinking our Footprint: CFLs and Beyond

This session will feature some basic and some unexpected approaches to reducing our energy consumption and carbon footprint. And many tips might save money, too!

May 11th

Our Food Choices and the Environment

Our ability to impact the environment at the grocery store extends beyond the choice of paper or plastic (or canvas!). Learn the importance of purchasing food from local sources for environmental, social and practical reasons.

Nov. 9th

Hydroponic Gardening

Our love for gardening isn't limited to the summer months. Learn how you can continue gardening indoors, including special equipment and the best herbs, vegetables and plants for this winter indoor growing technique.