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Turn a New Leaf This Fall With Backyard Conservation!
Franklin County and GreenSpot Backyards Rebates Still Available

09/9/2015 FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO— The Franklin County and GreenSpot Backyards rebate program will be continuing through the fall months. Currently there are over 800 rebates still remaining! What does this mean for Franklin County residents? Summer may be nearing an end, but backyard conservation is not.

While in-person workshops are no longer available this year, The Franklin County and GreenSpot Backyards online course is available at www.greenspotbackyards.org until October 31st. The course focuses on rainwater runoff and its detrimental impacts on local water quality, streambank erosion, and localized flooding. Qualified participants who complete the quiz will receive a \$50.00 rebate after they purchase a rain barrel with a diverter, a compost bin, and/or native plants.

But, is fall really the best time to think about backyard conservation?

Fall is an excellent time! Typically, the soil is much warmer in the fall than in the spring, allowing for optimal root growth when you plant in the fall. Are you interested in a compost bin? The beautiful red, gold, and orange leaves that make their way onto your lawn make for excellent brown compost material over the winter months! And while rain barrels should be stored over winter to avoid cracking with ice, having a rain barrel for that first spring shower will prove beneficial!

The rebate program for 2015 is made possible thanks to funding support from the Franklin County Commissioners, City of Columbus, and participating municipalities. Currently, over 850 residents have participated in the program. Available rebates are contingent upon residents' tax districts and will be available while funds last or until October 31st. To find out if you qualify or if you have questions please contact Kristin Hilson.

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