

# Baltimore City Stormwater Participation Event

## How to Save \$ on Your Stormwater Fee

Did you know that there a simple way for Baltimore residents to save money on their Stormwater Fee? All they have to do is volunteer for Stormwater Participation Events!

### What is a Stormwater Participation Event?

The stormwater fee is a dedicated funding source for improving the City's stormwater management systems, including installing practices to improve stormwater quality to meet federal regulations. Simply put, the stormwater fee is used to help clean up the City's streams and harbor! This fee is listed on the water bill.

Residents, businesses, non-profits and faith-based institutions can get a credit (save \$) on their bill by volunteering in park and stream clean-ups, Canoe 'n Scoops, tree plantings and invasive species removal – these are known as Stormwater Participation Events. Eight volunteer hours = \$10 credit (up to \$30). However, these events need to be REGISTERED so that proper documentation can be provided.

### How to register a Stormwater Participation Event

You can register TWO WAYS (please register at least TWO WEEKS prior to the event):

1. Call 3-1-1.
  - Tell the Customer Representative that you want to register a MD Stormwater Participation Event.
  - Answer the questions you are asked.
2. Register On-line.
  - Go to Baltimore 311 (<http://www.baltimorecity.gov/311-services?tid=476>)
  - Click the blue button that says Create New Customer Service Request.
  - Complete form and click "Submit".

Whether you register by calling 3-1-1 or going online, within a few days, you should receive a response from DPW with a signed PDF certificate, instructions as the Event Organizer, and information for volunteers.

1. You sign a copy of the certificate and make additional copies to pass out at the event.
2. Email the results of your event to DPW (they will send a reminder email in case you forget). These include how many volunteers, how many bags of trash were cleaned up, and any photos of the event.

### What do I Give to Volunteers?

The certificate that you will receive, sign and make copies of is documentation for volunteers that they will need when they apply for a stormwater fee credit. Because most Stormwater Participation Events are less than 8 hours, volunteers will need to participate in more than one event to earn 8 hours. If two or more people from the same residence are volunteering, they can combine their credit. Also, if any of the volunteers are not homeowners they can give their certificate to another person (or organization) that is.

When volunteers have enough certificates to equal 8 hours, they can turn them in along with a Stormwater Fee Credit Application (found at <http://dpwapps.baltimorecity.gov/cleanwaterbaltimore/stormwater-participation-event-credit/>). This site also has helpful guides and information on the Stormwater Participation Event. You can also call the DPW Watershed Liaison at 410-396-0732.

### Ongoing Events

If you are planning monthly volunteer clean-ups, you can register these once (upon approval from DPW) and receive a certificate that you can use for each clean-up.

1. E-mail Mark Cameron at [mark.cameron@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:mark.cameron@baltimorecity.gov) describing your ongoing project
2. Once approved, register for the first event (see above instructions)
3. You will receive a certificate with no date, to be added for the ongoing events.
4. Send Mark Cameron the statistics (volunteers, hours, bags, etc.) along with any pictures.