

CALL TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION

At Friends of the Coves, we want to help you make your yard and garden healthier – for you, and for the environment. Call us for advice on gardening, lawn care, water conservation, composting, etc. In addition to the **Go Green in Your Garden Visit**, we offer the following products and services:



FREE FACT SHEETS

Free fact sheets are available on a wide range of “green” topics, including a source guide for products and services such as lawn care, native plants, and more.



RAIN BARRELS

Rain barrels can be purchased in the spring and fall by members for a discounted price*. Our barrels are locally made, and are sourced and stored by Tuckey’s Home Hardware. Rain barrel supply is limited so purchase yours early. They can be picked up or delivered at the time of your visit.



NATIVE PLANTS

Where there is sufficient interest amongst residents, we will coordinate volume orders of native plants from nurseries in southwestern Ontario. This will save you the driving time and gas money, and offer large order discounts. Please call for more information.



COMPOSTERS

Composters will be available to members in the spring and fall, while quantities are available. Please call ahead of time to ensure we have one for you.

*price subject to change, ask at the time of purchase

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

If you or your family are interested in helping our cause, memberships are available for you at the following rates:

- \$25 Individual membership (one year)
- \$35 Family membership (one year)
- \$200 Lifetime individual membership
- \$300 Lifetime family membership

NEW MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE:

- Friends of the Coves newsletter
- Recognition in our newsletter
- Option to purchase a Friends of the Coves tote bag for an additional \$5
- Opportunity to purchase discounted, locally produced rain barrel
- Backyard Habitat Consultation including free native plants, etc.
- Discounts and special offers at local businesses*
- Invitations to special events/general meetings/ other opportunities

*see website for details

New members and volunteers are always welcome, and we hope to see you out to our many upcoming events.

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Thanks to our Sponsors for the **Go Green in Your Garden** program:

- Ontario Trillium Foundation
- Environment Canada EcoAction
- The City of London
- ReForest London
- Upper Thames River Conservation Authority

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GREEN GARDEN VISIT SERVICE

Improve your lawn and garden
using ecologically sound methods
& provide a healthier place for you,
your children, pets and wildlife



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GREEN GARDEN VISIT

ATTRACT BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES

By welcoming birds, butterflies and bees to your garden, you create an environment that helps to reduce pests naturally. It also adds interest and beauty to your garden. We can teach you how to provide the right food sources, create an inviting habitat, reduce the use of chemicals and find other ways to make your yard and garden more attractive to the birds and the bees.



Butterflies are a sure sign of a healthy garden

CARE FOR YOUR LAWN NATURALLY

By caring for your lawn without using harsh “weed ‘n feed” chemicals, you improve your soil, making your lawn healthier. It will also be more resistant to pests and the thick lawn will crowd out weeds. We will show you how to care for your lawn organically by restoring soil health and increasing grass density.



CHOOSE NATIVE PLANTS

Native plants enhance your garden not only because they are beautiful, but also because they attract many beneficial insects, including bees and butterflies. We will identify and suggest plants that will grow best in your garden.

Call us now to book your visit. This service is available to all members of Friends of the Coves, and is offered free-of-charge to residents and businesses in the subwatershed.

A trained Ecological Advisor will visit your home to help make your yard and garden more environmentally friendly.

You will also receive member discounts with local businesses, discounted rain barrels and native plants.

Visit www.thecoves.ca.

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REDUCE OUTDOOR WATER USE

Reducing the amount of water you use in the garden will save you money, time and effort. We will review water conservation methods and give you some lawn-watering tips. We can recommend techniques and specific plants that will enable you to reduce the amount of water while maintaining a healthy lawn and garden.

IMPROVE WATER QUALITY

By minimizing or eliminating the use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers, you reduce the toxins entering local waterways. We will show you how to protect our precious water resources.

GET A RAIN BARREL

A rain barrel placed under your downspout will collect soft, natural rainwater for a healthier garden. You'll also be protecting the environment and saving money by conserving water. Rain barrels can be purchased from Friends of the Coves for a discounted price, and delivered during your natural landscape consultation.



ELIMINATE PESTICIDE USE

Get your lawn and garden ready for the 2008 City of London pesticide-free bylaw. If your plants are healthy, pest problems, including weeds, are much less likely to occur. Learn some easy techniques for reducing the damage caused by pests. We will also help you protect your children, pets and water resources from pesticides.

GROW FOOD ORGANICALLY

Foods grown without the use of chemicals are more nutritious and less harmful to you and the environment. We can show you how to grow organic produce right in your own backyard.



LEARN TO COMPOST

Compost is the best soil conditioner for your lawn and garden. Composting your organic waste from your kitchen and garden will also dramatically reduce your overall household garbage output. We will provide tips and advice on composting and answer any questions you may have.

GO GREEN IN YOUR GARDEN!