

2017 Low Impact Living Workshop Series
Conservation Corner – May 2017

In 2016, the Conservation Commission expanded their longstanding and popular compost class sessions to include other climate and conservation related topics.

The goal of the Commission is to provide educational and inspirational workshop opportunities for the community to take individual, local action. The 2017 Low Impact Living Series includes the following classes, all held at the North Mountain Nature Center and available for online registration through the Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission (www.ashland.or.us/parks)

- **Stretch Your Water!** – A local tour of laundry to landscape and rainwater catchment systems.

Have you ever wondered how Graywater, or Laundry to Landscape systems, and Rainwater Catchment systems work? Well, wonder no more and take a tour to see working examples of how these two innovative systems work right here in Ashland. Local experts on hand will:

- Show materials needed to build your own greywater systems
- Feature different sized catchment tanks made from plastic and Ferro Cement
- Explain how systems are designed and operated
- Give the installation and building codes to follow in Ashland

Most of the tour will be held outside so wear appropriate clothing. Please bring pen & paper for notes, a water bottle, and your enthusiasm!

June 3, 2017 – 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

- **Making and Saving Energy in Ashland**

Get a better understanding of how energy is consumed in buildings and find ways energy can be saved while still having the function and comfort everyone expects and wants. Information will include hands-on tips, state and local efficiency programs and incentives available as well as information on solar systems and available incentives.

June 28, 2017 6:00-7:30 PM

- **Recycling and Waste Reduction for Families**

Getting your family to participate in a new routine can be difficult. This class is designed to make your family's transition to "going green" easier. Bring your entire family and learn the benefits of waste reduction and recycling. Get your questions answered and find out what resources are available for support.

August 1, 2017 – 10:00-11:00 AM