



Adding Some Spring to Your Step

Water you up to this season? Probably dealing with the ongoing effects of one of the most active storm seasons California has ever seen. To help with this past rainy season, we held a contest to win a rain barrel (find out who won below). This season, we are sharing water retaining tips, sprinkling in some gardening help, and zooming in on storm infrastructure in our community. Be sure to follow along on social media-- we'll be sharing all things spring all season long. We're so excited, we wet our plants.



Rain Barrel Giveaway



April was Earth Month! We gave away one 50-gallon rain barrel (valued at \$150) to a lucky Contra Costa resident who engaged with our social media account(s) during the month of April. The winner of the giveaway was Brenda F. from Concord, CA. For more details on the giveaway, visit www.cccleanwater.org/earthmonth

Spring Stormwater Series



ICYMI, we shared clean water tips as a part of our "Spring Stormwater Series" on our [Instagram](#) (@CCCleanwater) and [Facebook](#) (@Contra Costa Clean Water) Did you know [composting](#) promotes plant growth, reduces waste, and improves soil health? Healthy soil absorbs stormwater and prevents stormwater pollution! Check out the full series on IG or FB.

When it Rains, it Pours!



It's raining, it's pouring, but where does it all go? Stormwater that is not absorbed into the ground becomes runoff, and during times of intense storming, there's nowhere for the excess stormwater to go! Green Infrastructure (GI) is a reliable nature-based engineered system that absorbs, filters, and retains stormwater. Read more about GI in CCC [here!](#)

Seeds of Change



Last bud not least, we encourage you to keep up with your spring planting... but make sure you're sticking with CA natives! Native root systems will retain water all season long, giving you the best garden on the block (and keeping stormwater runoff out of our waterways)! For native planting guidelines and tips, visit Calscape.org



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