

Build Sandy Springs Sustainability at Home - Outdoors Edition

Public Resources

The list of resources was compiled by City Staff. The contents of each linked document have not been verified for accuracy or compliance with federal, state, or city requirements.

General Landscape Maintenance

U.S. Department of Agriculture, “Backyard Conservation”

28-page brochure on a variety of topics, including landscaping best practices, creating wildlife habitats, and managing pests

<https://nrcspad.sc.egov.usda.gov/distributioncenter/pdf.aspx?productID=428>

Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District/Clean Water Campaign, “Is Your Yard as Green As You Think?”

Brochure with landscaping tips

https://northgeorgiawater.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/CWC_HowGreensYourLawn_brochure_2017_V3.pdf

Pest Management

UGA Extension, “Beneficial Insects, Spiders and Mites in the Southeast”

Illustrated guide to common garden arthropods

https://secure.caes.uga.edu/extension/publications/files/pdf/C%201055_1.PDF

UGA Extension, “Georgia Pest Management Handbook”

Links to commercial and residential pest management handbooks

<https://extension.uga.edu/programs-services/integrated-pest-management/publications/handbooks.html>

Invasive Species

Georgia Exotic Pest Plant Council, “List of Non-native Invasive Plants in Georgia”

<https://www.gaepcc.org/list/>

Georgia Exotic Pest Plant Council, “Suggested Alternatives to Non-native Invasive Plants”

<https://www.gaepcc.org/alternatives/>

Attracting Pollinators

Importance of Pollinators

U.S. Forest Service, “Attracting Pollinators to Your Garden Using Native Plants”

16-page guide to different categories of pollinators and their preferred habitats

https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/documents/AttractingPollinatorsEasternUS_V1.pdf

Plant Selection

UGA Extension, “Native Plants for Georgia”

Detailed encyclopedia of plant species native to Georgia and tips for landscape design

<https://extension.uga.edu/publications/detail.html?number=B987>

Georgia Native Plant Society, “Georgia’s Native Plants”

Illustrated plant encyclopedia

<https://gnps.org/georgias-native-plants/search-native-plants/>

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, “Special Collections, Georgia Recommended”

Illustrated encyclopedia of plant species native to the Piedmont

<https://www.wildflower.org/collections/collection.php?collection=GA>

Pollinator Partnership & North American Pollinator Protection Campaign, “Selecting Plants for Pollinators”

In-depth guide to nesting requirements and flower characteristic preferences, excellent plant guide, and links to other resources

<https://www.pollinator.org/PDFs/Guides/SoutheastMixedForestrx5FINAL.pdf>

Green Infrastructure

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, “Protecting Water Quality from Urban Runoff”

Brochure on urban runoff issues with tips for homeowners and links to other resources

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/nps_urban-facts_final.pdf

Cobb County Water System, “Rain Barrels”

Illustrated rain barrel DIY manual

<https://s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/cobbcounty.org.if-us-west-2/prod/2018-08/Home-Owners-Guide-to-Rain-Barrels.pdf>

UGA Extension, “Rain Gardens in Home Landscapes”

Presentation on stormwater management, with a focus on residential rain garden design

https://secure.caes.uga.edu/extension/publications/files/pdf/EB%20101_3.PDF

Development Code

Sandy Springs Development Code

https://library.municode.com/ga/sandy_springs/codes/development_code

Community Development GIS Map

<https://coss.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=180137d495094cb790f4846b858b5f26>

USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map

<https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/PHZMWeb/#>

Streams and Creeks

<http://www.sandyspringsga.gov/city-services/natural-resource-protection/streams-creeks>

Trees and Arboriculture

<http://www.sandyspringsga.gov/city-services/natural-resource-protection/trees>

FEMA Flood Map Service Center

<https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search?AddressQuery=1%20galambos%20way%2030328#searchresultsanchor>

Flood Zone

<http://www.sandyspringsga.gov/city-services/natural-resource-protection/flood-zone>

Sandy Springs Technical Manual

https://library.municode.com/ga/sandy_springs/codes/technical_manuals