



Follow the Green Arrow for a Greener Virginia!



Reduce Plastics! No thank you to plastics straws.

- TELL:** All plastics break down and go into our water and ultimately the seafood we eat.
Great Pacific Garbage Patch - YouTube videos
- DO:** Talk about the Save Our Seas Act..
Buy and carry reusable straws.
- EASY ACTION:** Make your meetings green!
No Styrofoam or plastic cups > bring a mug.
No water bottles > bring a pitcher.
No plastic stirrers > bring spoons.
Talk with your favorite restaurant, club or deli about “punting the plastic.”
- SHARE:** Silicone straws make great gifts! <http://nymag.com/strategist/article/best-reusable-straws.html>



Rethink the Healthy Yard! No bees = no pollinators = no fruit

- TELL:** Pesticides kill pollinators.
Round up and other chemicals can affect your health.
Mosquito Control Services kill bees.
- DO:** Adopt alternatives.
- EASY ACTION:** Spray with dish soap and water.
Neem Oil for certain bugs.
SAFER brand products are organic.
- SHARE:** Plants that Repel Insects: Marigolds, Borals, Citronella
Exhibit Pollinator Plants at your club meetings.



Clean Recycling! Better sorting means more recycling.

- TELL:** China is refusing our dirty recycling.
The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is the size of the State of Texas and Montana combined!
1/3 of all recycling in the US has been deemed contaminated. Dirty recycling is more expensive and inefficient.
- DO:** Call Earth911 for local recycling options.
- EASY ACTION:** RINSE, sort, separate, REPEAT
Avoid the “Oops” Sticker!
- SHARE:** Recyclable rules for your community.

Let us know how it goes!
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