

DIG INTO CONSERVATION



WELCOME TO THE WEEDER'S CONSERVATION NEWSLETTER! WE WILL BE HIGHLIGHTING LOCAL CONSERVATION EFFORTS THAT YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN JOINING. PARTICIPATING IN LOCAL CONSERVATION EFFORTS HELPS PRESERVE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES, STRENGTHEN YOUR CONNECTION TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND INSPIRE OTHERS TO JOIN IN! OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER HAS A FOCUS ON RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TRY ONE SMALL CHANGE TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AND MAKE IT A HABIT. OUR EARTH DEPENDS ON IT!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO RECYCLE OLD APPLIANCES WITH A PLUG BUT NOT SURE WHERE TO SEND THEM? THERE ARE MULTIPLE "ANYTHING WITH A PLUG" RECYCLING EVENTS AROUND THE REGION. THERE IS ONE COMING UP ON 4/4/25 AT CHESTNUT HILL COLLEGE, 9AM - 1PM. FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF SCHEDULED EVENTS, CHECK OUT THE LINK BELOW!

[ANYTHING WITH A PLUG RECYCLING EVENTS](#)

RECYCLE YOUR PLASTIC FILM WRAPS, BUBBLE WRAP, PLASTIC BAGS AND MORE WITH NEXTREX. DROP OFF YOUR PLASTICS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AROUND THE PHILADELPHIA REGION INCLUDING ACME, LIBRARIES AND MORE!

[PLASTIC DROP OFF LOCATIONS](#)



REFILL STORES: CHANGING THE WAY WE WASTE!

REFILL STORES ALSO KNOWN AS ZERO WASTE STORES ARE POPPING UP AROUND THE PHILADELPHIA REGION. THESE STORES OFFER HOME AND BODY PRODUCTS IN BULK ALONG WITH OTHER SUPPLIES LIKE SWEDISH WASHCLOTHS AND BAR SOAPS. BRING YOUR OWN CONTAINER AND FILL UP ON VARIOUS PRODUCTS INCLUDING LAUNDRY DETERGENT, SHAMPOO, BODY WASH, SUNSCREEN AND DISH DETERGENT TO NAME A FEW! AS SAID IN PHILLY TALKS TRASH NEWSLETTER, "REDUCING YOUR WASTE OUTPUT CAN BE VERY SATISFYING AND TAKES MINIMAL EFFORT" USING LESS PLASTIC HELPS DECREASE FOREVER PLASTICS AND STRIVE FOR ZERO WASTE!

CHECK OUT MAINLINE SHIFT IN NARBERTH OR PERENNIAL REFILL HUB IN GERMANTOWN!

[MAINLINE SHIFT PERENNIAL REFILL HUB](#)



PLASTICS IN THE KITCHEN



YOU MAY HAVE BEEN HEARING ABOUT BLACK PLASTIC KITCHEN UTENSILS IN THE NEWS RECENTLY. THESE UBIQUITOUS UTENSILS OFTEN IN THE FORM OF SPATULAS, TONGS, AND LADLES COULD BE EXPOSING YOU TO TOXIC CHEMICALS. A RECENT STUDY DEMONSTRATED THAT THESE UTENSILS MAY CONTAIN FLAME RETARDANT THAT LEACHES INTO THE FOOD BEING COOKED. TAKE A LOOK AROUND YOUR KITCHEN AND SWITCH THESE UTENSILS OUT FOR WOOD OR SILICONE AND CHECK OUT THE ARTICLE BELOW!

BLACK PLASTIC TOOLS COULD CONTAIN TOXIC CHEMICALS

BATTERY RECYCLING

HAVE YOU WONDERED IF IT IS OKAY TO DISPOSE OF YOUR REGULAR ALKALINE BATTERIES IN THE TRASH? WELL, THE ANSWER IS NOT SO STRAIGHTFORWARD. THE RISK OF THROWING THESE BATTERIES IN THE TRASH CREATES A POTENTIAL FOR THE BATTERY TO LEAK MINERALS LIKE MANGANESE WHICH CAN BE TOXIC AT HIGH LEVELS OR THEY CAN SHORT CIRCUIT AND CAUSE A FIRE. THE EPA SAYS IT IS OKAY TO THROW YOUR ALKALINE BATTERIES IN THE TRASH BUT IT IS **RECOMMENDED** THAT YOU RECYCLE THESE BATTERIES.

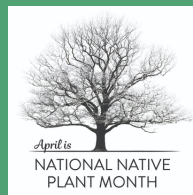


ALKALINE BATTERIES CAN BE RECYCLED AT:

- STAPLES
- MOM'S ORGANIC MARKETS
- BRING THEM TO THE NEXT WEEDERS MEETING! MARILYN SPRAGUE HAS KINDLY OFFERED TO COLLECT AT MONTHLY MEETINGS AND BRING TO STAPLES.



SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER!



THE WARMER TEMPERATURES ARE MAKING US ITCH FOR SPRING! WHETHER YOUR INTEREST IS CREATING HABITAT GARDENS, BIRD FRIENDLY GARDENS OR JUST PURCHASING PLANTS THERE ARE LOTS OF LOCAL RESOURCES. CHECK OUT A FEW OF THE OFFERINGS BELOW!

STARTING MARCH 15TH GETTING YOUR HABITAT GARDEN READY WORKSHOP SERIES

MAY 10TH AT MORRIS ARBORETUM: WINGS OF WONDER, CREATING A NATURAL HUMMINGBIRD HAVEN

APRIL 25-27 JENKINS PLANT SALE WEEKEND

MAY 10-11 BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY WILDFLOWER, NATIVE PLANT AND SEED SALE

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