

HOPEWELL VALLEY GREEN TEAM
October 14, 2021 via Zoom
Agenda

WEBSITE (Scott)

FOOD WASTE REDUCTION

~ Terra Preta Organic Waste Collection (Dolph Geurds)

YOUR PLASTIC FREE LIFE at PFM on October 16

~ Yogurt Recipes and equipment

InstaPot, Rice Cooker, Incubator, Heavy pot in the oven

~ Plastic alternatives in the kitchen

Beeswax wrap, Silicone pouches, Aluminum cans

~ Plastic alternatives around the house

Dental Floss

~ Reusable Bag Exchange

~ Staffing

GREEN TEAM GOALS FOR 2022

RECYCLING

~ Styrofoam: Exploring Options for Densifying

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pennington Farmers Market recycling days (9 am – 1 pm)

Oct. 30

Recycling List (Updated)

Brita Products: Joann

Button cell batteries - Scott

Dental care products (toothpaste tubes with cap, toothbrushes, floss containers etc.) - Lynne

Stick deodorant containers - Lynne

Wine corks (not plastic) – Carol

Pur Filters: via Ace Hardware - Carol

Newspapers (Mercer Wildlife) – Chris Edwards / Michele N

Athletic Balls – tennis balls & baseballs (Cheapskate) Michele N

Cell Phones, Tablets, Cameras, etc (Wireless Alliance) – Carol

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SUSTAINABLE JERSEY CERTIFICATION

- Assist Pennington Borough in the process of Re-certifying with Sustainable Jersey in 2022.

Note: Check to see if Hopewell Township and/or Hopewell Borough plan to Certify in 2022.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION with an emphasis on REDUCE/REUSE

- Single Use Bag Ban (short-term plan is a “reusable bag swap”
- Energy Efficiency
- Tips for Reducing Waste
- Training for Correct Recycling

Note: Venues for education include monthly attendance at Pennington Farmers Market, Community events such as Pennington Day, Hopewell Harvest Fair, Mercer County Green Fest, and the events organized by the Hopewell Valley Arts Council.

Note: we would like to purchase a table cover with the Green Team’s name and logo so that we can be more visible at community events.

RECYCLING

- Find a way to densify Styrofoam so that we can resume collection

Note: A long-term goal is to find a host for a recycling depot in the Valley

COLLABORATION

- Continue to be actively involved in the HoVal Regional School District Green Team and the Mercer County Sustainability Coalition
- Assist with the Pennington Borough Carbon Free by 2035 Initiative
- Actively engage representatives of our 3 municipal governments