

Environmental Commission Projects 2019

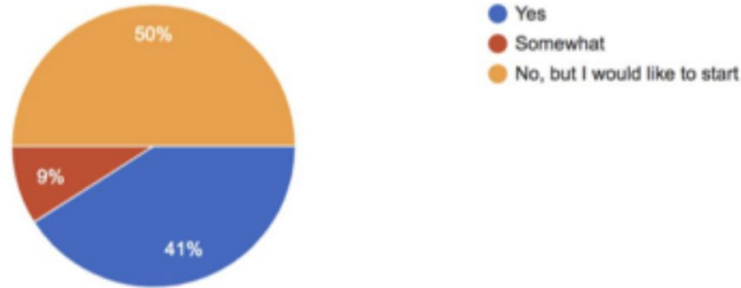
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1: Composting Workshop

- March 2019
- Wyckoff held its first ever informational Composting Workshop for residents
- Joined by 2 guest speakers, 3-4 Bergen County residents joined us for this pilot workshop
- We also advertised the sales of composters through Committeeman Scanlan

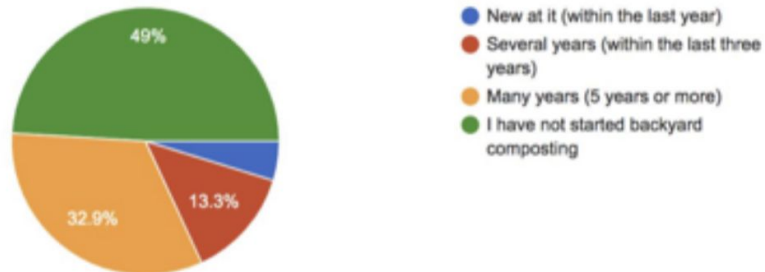
1. Are you actively participating in backyard composting?

210 responses



2. How long have you been a backyard composter?

210 responses





Our Composting Team





SAVE THE DATE



Wyckoff Environmental Commission Composting Workshop!



Join us for our composting workshop to educate the citizens of Wyckoff about how they can help the environment and combat climate change.

Who? YOU! All residents of Wyckoff are welcome.

What? A workshop to inform residents about composting and how they can easily compost at home.

When? March 30, 2019 @ 10:00 am

Where?: Russell Farms Community Park, 594 Russell Avenue.

Why? Composting is very environmentally friendly, reduces the amount of garbage going to landfills, and something easy anybody can do to help the environment. The average US family disposes of 474 pounds of food waste each year! In addition, 30% of food waste in the US can be composted.

(Source: EPA composting at Home).



Purchase a Composter Today!

Compost bins, known as "Earth Machines" are sold by the BCUA Environmental Program. They are made of 100% recycled plastic and are built for easy use and to keep unwanted critters out and moisture in.

They are conveniently offered locally, at a discounted price of \$60 through our Township Committeeman Brian D. Scanlan, who can be contacted at bscanlan@wyckoff-nj.com



Why purchase a composter?

The US disposes of 30 million tons of food scraps each year. By composting, much of this waste can avoid landfills. In addition, with the reduced cost of garbage Wyckoff alone could save more than \$50,000 on garbage disposal through composting.

2: Green Travel Best Practices

- I created a list of go-green travel best practices for resident use during the summer as many Wyckoff residents go on vacation and is a big area for work for the town



Wyckoff Environmental Commission Go-Green Vacation Best Practices



When we travel, we often lose sight of all the wonderful environmentally-friendly things we do at home. The Wyckoff Environmental Commission has these 10 tips on how to be a green-traveler and help the environment wherever you go.

What to Do Before You Leave

1. Book non-stop flights if possible (or drive or take a train to your destination), they save energy and fuel.
 - a.) Also consider a flight with a carbon offset program to invest in reducing your carbon footprint!
2. Book green hotels that have recycling programs.
3. Purchase a reusable water bottle.
4. Unplug electronics at home and turn off any machines that won't be needed while you are gone.
5. Pick eco-friendly locations.

How to Stay Green on the Go

1. Leave nothing but footprints wherever you travel.
 - a.) Pick up litter you see around you and make sure you don't litter!
2. Reuse hotel towels - there is no need to waste water by washing them daily.
3. Turn off lights and AC when leaving your hotel room for the day.
4. Walk or use public transportation when possible in your destination.
5. Buy local products over imported goods.



Infographic created by Junior Environmental
Commissioner Nick Rea

Sources for more information regarding green travel:

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3: Composting Workshop (Part 2)

- As part of my IB Diploma and in an attempt to solidify this event, we held our second composting workshop in the fall
- Had a few more residents than in the Spring despite organizing difficulties
- We were led by Committeeman Scanlan

Join the Wyckoff Environmental Commission for our Fall Composting Workshop!

Rain or Shine!



When? Date at 10 AM

Where? Russel Farms (580 Russel Avenue)

What? The Wyckoff Environmental Commission will be hosting our 2nd composting workshop along with speakers from (fill in later). We will have composters available for purchase at the event! Come to learn how you can compost easily in your home!

Contact wec@wyckoff-nj.com for more information.





This project was completed as part of the Wyckoff Environmental Commission's Junior Commissioner program. Junior Commissioner *Nick Rea*, a student at *Bergen County Academies* in the class of 2020, created all pictured flyers and organized both composting workshop, along with completing the research for the project. December 2019