

NORTHERN KY "GREEN" STUDENT RESOURCE GUIDE

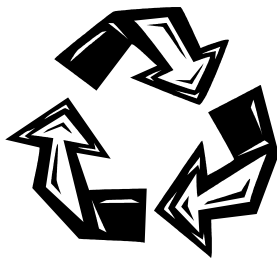
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LIVING GREEN IS NOT A TREND!

Politics, cliques and stereotypes hang dauntingly over the hot topic of "going green." Well, ladies and gents, it should not be so!

We all have a part in protecting our environment. Whether your environment is a soccer field or your farm, take pride in what you love and protect it!

This guide was created in hopes of generating creative problem-solving and bridging the division of "jock," "nerd," "hippie." That fact is, you don't have to be a tree hugger to care about the Earth. We have all learned lessons in respect, responsibility and community. That is all we offer here, a simple and clear guide about ways to make the world better.

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

You! We hope to provide you with the information that you want and need to develop healthy habits for both you and the planet. In addition, with the hope that you will realize that you are **not** alone in wanting to make a difference.

A strong sense of community is important for students when developing a sense of belonging and pride. Too often young people feel like they are all alone in the world. **YOU ARE NOT ALONE.** Many people in your community share your passions and interests.

Community



PEOPLE THAT CARE

Solid Waste Coordinator, what in the heck?

Every county in Northern KY has a government employee or department that is dedicated to our *trash*. Doesn't sound glamorous? Well, it really is an awesome job.

Who are they?

Boone County

Mary Dickey 334-3151
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Campbell County

David Plumber 547-1802
dplumber@campbellcounty.org

Kenton County

Roger Wells 392-1920
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Conservation District

They have tons of educational material, programs and

workshops about agriculture and other "green" topics.

Boone and Kenton Counties: 586-7903

Campbell County: 635-9587

UK Cooperative Extension Services

Boone County: 586-6101

Campbell County: 572-2600

Kenton County: 356-3155

Note:

Boone County spent

approximately

\$220,086.63 of

tax payer's dollars

cleaning up litter .

What else could

we have done

with that money?

GET TO KNOW YOUR TRASH

Did you know there is a landfill in Boone County?

You've seen photos, you may have driven past, but you don't know a landfill until you get a chance to tour one! Contact Bavarian 485-4416 if you want to see where your trash goes. (Maybe suggest this as a field trip idea to your teacher).

Did you know that you can tour recycling facilities?

If you have ever wondered what happens after you pitch stuff in the recycling bins, touring the facility is an interesting and educational field trip. Contact Rumpke to schedule a tour. **ALSO!** Bavarian converts methane released from the landfill into energy. You can also tour that facility by calling them!

If you throw your trash out the window, where does it go?

Litter is blown about by wind or traffic or carried by water. It moves until trapped by a curb, building or fence. Most of the time it ends up in our local creeks, then onto the river and so on. Why can't people be responsible for themselves?



People can be pretty trashy. If you see someone in the act of dumping garbage, call your Solid Waste Coordinator and they'll bust 'em!

REDUCE

Note:

If you have plastic bags, take 'em to local your Kroger and Wal-Mart to recycle them! Please keep in mind that it is much more environmentally sound to bring reusable bags instead.



- Buy products that have less packaging.
- Turn off the water while you are brushing your teeth.
- Turn off the lights and other electronics when you are not using them.
- Compost your yard waste and kitchen scraps.
- Walk when possible to reduce gas consumption (good for you and the planet).
- Only buy what you need. The less you buy, the less waste you create.
- Pack a no waste lunch. IE: apples, sandwich in a reusable container and a reusable lunch bag)
- Only order enough for you to eat.
- Take shorter showers.
- Buy products that are made of recyclable materials.
- If you buy local from the farmer's market you are reducing the miles your food traveled to reach your plate AND supporting your community.

REUSE

Fashion:

For some, one of the most fun ways to be green is through fashion. There are several local thrift stores that you can find totally unique clothing for a lot less money.

Goodwill Industries

7855 Tanner's Ln.

Florence or 25 W. Seventh St. Covington

Plato's Closet

7941 Mall Rd. Florence

Village Discount Center

Newport Shopping Center, 1813 Monmouth Stree

Florence Antique Mall

8145 Connector Drive Florence

All That Jazz

1960 Northbend Rd. Hebron

Classy and Sassy

7500 Oakbrook Drv. +Florence

Snooty Fox

3170 Dixie Highway Erlanger

Have you ever heard of a Swap Party?

You and your friends probably have similar style and taste. A swap party is basically a free yard sale amongst friends. Trade each other for new stuff!

RECYCLE

Everyday Recyclables:

In NKY we can recycle: plastics # 1–7 with a spout, paper, glass, steel cans, aluminum cans, phone books, cardboard.

How?

Curbside

Those awesome waste haulers of yours offer, curbside recycling services, meaning they'll pick up the goods for you (for a fee). Call them for details.

There are community recycling bins all over. Here are the locations:

Drop off Boxes

Boone:

-Hebron—3644 Limaburg Rd.

-Florence—7850 Tanners Lane -Union Ryle High School 10379 Highway 42

-Petersburg - 6517 Market St.

-Walton—11 High School Court

-Burlington - Barney's Road (past fairgrounds)

-Bellevue - McVile Fire Station. 6900 McVile Rd

Kenton:

-Covington Transfer Station 4399 Boron Dr and at Banklick Woods Park 420 Independence Station Rd

Campbell:

-Campbell County Police Station U.S. 27 in Alexandria and at Newport Public Works Garage Under I471 bridge at 6th & Wildcat

Technology

Cell phones– The Women's Crisis Center (647-2388), Best Buy, Cincinnati Bell, Home Depot, Ameritech Cellular, Lowe's, Office Depot, RadioShack, Staples, Target, Verizon

Computers and T.V.s (for a price) APEX Technology Solutions 485-4444

Rechargeable Batteries are collected all over Northern KY are call 859-334-3151 for the closet location to you.



STARTING AN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP AT SCHOOL



The Planning Stages:

- Establish your school's need for an environmental group.
- Figure out your support (staff, faculty, students and custodians).
- Chose a faculty sponsor.
- Talk to your local government Solid Waste Division (their phone numbers are included in this guide) about how to conduct a **Waste Audit** for your school to determine what your school produces in waste.
- Gather the interested body of students to create a **mission statement** and **your school's need**.

The Action Plan:

- Present your case to the **Board of Education** with the support of your sponsor.
- Present your **mission statement, school's need** and the **key points of the Waste Audit**.
- Advertising is a crucial aspect of starting your group. Utilize your resources (school media, posters, community support)
- Call us for any help or guidance. We can do presentations for your group or school. Call Kelly at 859-334-3629.

Note:

You're school has an Paper Retriever bin to recycle paper, utilize it, school will make money.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteering is important because..

- You can *make* a difference, friends, and connections.
- You learn about yourself, others and the Earth.
- You feel more connected to the community and world.
- Those who volunteer usually live healthier, happier and more active lives.
- You get a competitive edge for colleges and scholarships.



Need Volunteer Hours? Volunteer at one of all of the following:

- Great American Clean Up (every April)
- River Sweep (every June)
- Trash for Cash (every summer)

Call 859-334-3151 or email kchapman@boonecountyky.org for more information or details.

Want more? We're on the web!

<http://www.boonecountyky.org/BCSWM/Default.aspx>

The choices you make today, affect everyone tomorrow. Please make healthy choices for both you, the community and the planet.