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DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT



How green are you? Together we can help keep your County clean and green. Help us grow a culture of active environmental stewards. We want you to "Be Seen Being Green" year-round.

Let us know how you're doing with the Challenge by emailing your photo or posting it on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter with the hashtag **#BSBGinPGC**. Stewards that share them completing all five **STARRED** items get a free T-shirt and will be highlighted in our quarterly newsletter.

So, get ready, set and go Be Seen Being Green in Prince George's!




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@HOME


- Replace light bulbs with energy-efficient CFLs or LEDs
- Turn off lights when leaving the room
- Connect devices to a power strip and turn off when leaving
- Conserve water by taking shorter showers and fixing leaky faucets
- Donate unwanted clothing, equipment, furniture and appliances
- Use cloth towels and napkins instead of disposable paper products
- Wash only full loads of dishes and laundry
- Save bows, tissue paper, gift bags and newspaper to wrap gifts
- Opt out of paper mail whenever possible

 **Create a homemade compost bin**

@SCHOOL

- Create or join a green team
- Recycle paper, cans and bottles
- Don't print everything
- Take notes electronically, such as flash card apps
- Get or borrow used textbooks (Libraries also have e-books, cds and DVDs to borrow)
- Use up old notebooks
- Change the margins on your documents so they print on one page instead of two
- Drink from a reusable water bottle
-  **Power down all electronics when not in use**
- Opt-out of plastic/paper bags by bringing your own or using back pack

in your COMMUNITY

- Join or form a community garden or CSA
- Use reusable bags when shopping
- Volunteer for or organize a community cleanup event
- Start a walking or biking club
- Use a broom to clear sidewalks instead of hosing them off with water
- Celebrate and promote Earth Day
-  **Plant a tree**
- Do not litter and encourage others to do the same
- Scoop your dog's poop
- Avoid using disposable cups, plates and cutlery

@WORK

- Recycle paper, cans and bottles
- Take the stairs, instead of the elevator
- Make double-sided copies
- Use the back of old letterhead for copies of drafts and internal documents
- Make documents available online
- Use paper and other office supplies with high percentage of post-consumer recycled content
- Reuse, recycle or donate your old computer and old office furniture
-  **Pack waste-free lunch**

 **BSBG Freebie:** Take a photo doing something Green not on this list!