

GREEN RESOURCES IN SUMMIT

GET INVOLVED

City Commissions/Committees

- Environmental Commission
- Recycling Advisory Committee
- Shade Tree Advisory Committee
- Renewable Energy Sub-Committee

Other Volunteer Groups/Non-Profits

- Green Summit
- Summit Area GreenFaith Circle
- Summit Garden Club
- Rahway River Watershed Association

GET INFORMED

- Environmental Commission's Website
<https://www.cityofsummit.org/304/Environmental-Commission>
- Environmental Commission Facebook "[Summit, NJ: Talking Green, Living Green](#)"
- Green Summit Website: www.greensummitnj.org
- Green Summit Facebook & Instagram: @greensummitnj
- The Green Brief: Sign up at www.greensummitnj.org
- City of Summit Notifications
<https://www.cityofsummit.org/list.aspx> - Environmental alerts and others straight to your email

GET ENGAGED

Tuesday, March 12 @ 6:30pm-8:00pm

RRWA & GSWA at Summit Free Public Library:
So How's the Water? 2018 Water Quality Report Card for the Passaic River

Saturday, March 23 @ 1:00pm-4:00pm - Repair Cafe @ Christ Church Summit (561 Springfield Avenue)

Toss it? No way! Bring beloved but broken items to be fixed for free at our second Repair Cafe. Sewing/textiles, wood/furniture, plants/gardening, bicycles, jewelry and electronics. Check out www.greensummitnj.org for more info.

Thursday, April 4 @ 6:30-8:00pm

RRWA & GSWA at Summit Free Public Library:
Environmentally Sound Cleaning Products: What's under YOUR sink? Get some DIY cleaning product recipes.

Saturday, April 27th - Save the date - Summit Earth Day Clean-UP! Stay tuned for details

REDUCE ENERGY USAGE

- Do an energy audit (\$49)
- Use rechargeable batteries
- Install solar panels
- Install solar water heater
- Replace appliances with Energy Star
- Manage computer energy use
- Switch energy supplier to 100% renewable
- Insulate your home
- Switch to LED's
- Turn off lights
- Reduce winter thermostat 2 degrees
- Increase summer thermostat 4 degrees

CONSERVE WATER

- Turn off the tap when you're not using it
- Install low flow faucets, toilets, shower heads
- Install water efficient landscaping
- Install a rain barrel
- Plant native trees
- Avoid contaminants (chemicals, plastics, medicines)
- Use water-friendly cleaning products
- Eat less meat and processed foods
- Choose clothing carefully

PLANT TREES

- They are air and water filters
- Help with storm water flow, natural water absorber
- Prevent soil erosion
- Create shade requiring less cooling in summer if planted in the right spot
- Support local habitat for flora and fauna

FOOD SHOPPING

- Take your own bags, and produce bags (you don't have to recycle what you don't take home with you!)
- Choose the most local products available, shop at Summit Farmers Market April - November (less plastic there, too!)
- Don't buy what you don't need (shoot for no unused food)
- Reduce red meat purchasing (Meatless Mondays)
- Choose sustainable seafood (Monterey Bay Seafood Watch)
- Opt for bulk products and products without plastic packaging (like glass, cans)

REDUCE WASTE

Reduce

Buy less, and fix more. Check out a local Repair Cafe.

Reuse

Can't fix it or don't want it anymore? See if you can give it away at the Summit Free Market, held in April and October.

Recycle

Clean and dry plastics 1-7: curbside and at Transfer Station.

Stretch plastics: Transfer Station, many houses of worship, Franklin School

Glass, cans, cardboard: curbside and at Transfer Station

Freezers/refrigerators: \$50 cash incentive with NJ Clean Energy

Carpet: Recycle with national Carpet America program

Clothes/textiles (any condition, any kind): Recycle at H&M (get discount!)

Jeans: Recycle at Madewell (get discount!)

Toiletry tubes: Recycle at L'Occitane

Sneakers: Recycle at Jack Rabbit

"Hard to recycle" items: Check Terracycle programs