

Spotlight on Sustainability

From Your Ontario County Eco-Heroes

Don't Forget!

Your Eco-Heroes are here to answer any questions or concerns you might have about sustainability or waste diversion. They will also provide you friendly tips and reminders to keep the County doing its best in these efforts.

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Make your New Year's Resolutions Green

Make any New Year's Resolutions for 2019? Still adhering to them? There are the usual: lose weight, exercise more, keep in contact with friends and family more, stay more organized...Almost always, they focus on self-improvement.

Why not try some Green Resolutions? They're easily made and can benefit everybody - even other species. Here are a few to get you started.

- Learn what can and cannot be put in your recycling bin
- Promote the growth of indigenous species
- Drive less, walk a little more
- Check out all the County parks
- Cook at home more often
- Skip the plastic straw
- Try winter hiking
- Plant more trees



Tips to Reduce Your Heating Costs and Still Keep You Warm This Winter.

Looking to live more sustainably and efficient this winter. One of the biggest concerns this time of year is heat. Those heating bills seem to keep going up as the winter progresses. Here are a few tips to keep your home heating system more efficient as well as help you in the pocket book.

- Layer Up! Learn to love those fluffy socks, big sweaters, and cute slippers.
- Decorate your house with warmth in mind. Use flannel sheets, have blankets on hand, draw the blinds and pull the curtains shut to trap warm air.
- Minimize use of duct fans. They not only suck away unwanted odors, but also hot air.
- Keep your heating system tuned up. Change out old filters and have it checked regularly to make sure it is running as efficiently as it can. Even consider getting a new unit if yours is older and costing you money in service calls.
- Turn down the thermostat when sleeping or out of the house. Even consider dropping the temp. a few degrees. The difference is not as noticeable as you might think.
- Consider having an energy audit/assessment done at your home, to find out where additional insulation or other energy efficient measures can be utilized.
- Move obstructions from over top and in front of your vents to ensure unobstructed air flow.
- Heat with a wood stove? Keep that damper closed when away to ensure that hot air isn't going to waste.



Did You Know?

The County has a new department!
Department of Sustainability & Solid Waste Management

The Department will focus on the County's efforts to increase sustainable practices and waste diversion by employees and residents. The department implements the County's Local Solid Waste Management Plan, by working with municipalities, businesses and organizations to ensure the sustainability of our local environment.

