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# The Green Scene

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## Sustaining Bliss

Bonnie Inglis Dodge has always appreciated the natural environment, but it wasn't until her children began encouraging her to reduce waste and participate in more Earth-friendly shopping that Bonnie decided to take a stand.

Last Christmas, her children, triplets Samantha, Katherine & Margaret, and son Jack requested sustainable "green" gifts that Bonnie could not find at a local level. After shopping for these items on the internet, it occurred to Bonnie that the valley could use a store to satisfy the needs of eco-conscious shoppers. And so began the journey to

Sustaining Bliss.

Sustaining Bliss is a retail outlet that embraces the concept of zero waste. The store is stocked with sustainably sourced products that are reusable, refillable, recyclable and compostable. It is tastefully decorated with items that have been creatively repurposed using style and flair. And, as an added bonus, it is a store that is managed and operated by Bonnie and her entire family. It is truly a family affair.

If you're ready to become part of the solution and make a positive impact on the environment, I strongly urge you to visit Sustaining Bliss. The store

is located at 27 McKinley Way in Poland and is open Monday - Saturday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. You may also visit Sustaining Bliss on their website, Facebook, or Instagram. Regardless of how you visit though, I assure you it will be a rewarding experience.

~ Kim Lewis  
RREAP Mgr.



Jack, Samantha, Bonnie, Margaret, and Katherine celebrate the opening of Sustaining Bliss.

## Choose to Reuse

Due to the pandemic, thousands of disposable masks and gloves are finding their way into the waste stream and unfortunately ending up as litter. Just look around and you'll see these items on roadsides, in yards, on fences, in parking lots, on sidewalks, in lakes ... the list goes on and on. Fortunately, there is a

solution to this problem.

You can "choose to reuse." Choosing a cloth mask will prevent disposable masks from being in circulation and stop this waste at its source. This not only makes good environmental sense, but good fashion sense as well. There are so many trendy styles of masks on the mar-

ket!

Disposable gloves can be avoided by frequently washing or sanitizing your hands. Just remember to carry your pocket-size sanitizer when you travel and refill it at home.

So please help prevent litter and "choose to reuse." The world is depending on you.



Attention Fall Planters: Take used nursery pots & flats to Lowe's, Home Depot, or River's Bend Farm. The pots will be sterilized for re-use.



## Autumn Leaves

The wonders of nature are awesome. During autumn, leaves turn beautiful shades of orange, yellow and red and dot our countryside with brilliant colors. Unfortunately, this time period is brief and then the inevitable happens: All of the leaves fall to the ground. When the leaves fall, children celebrate by jumping and playing in them. For adults, however, it is a different story. Adults usually worry about how they'll manage all of those

leaves.

Actually, there are many options for managing leaves. If you have a backyard compost bin, leaves can be saved and added to your bin throughout the year as a carbon source. If you have a mulching mower, leaves can be mulched right on your yard, allowing valuable nutrients to return to the soil. If neither of these options appeals to you, you may want to participate in a community leaf composting pro-

gram. Boardman, Canfield Village, Canfield Township, Lowellville, New Middletown, Poland Village, Sebring, Struthers, and Youngstown are all offering some type of curbside service.

To learn more about community leaf composting programs, residents may contact their local officials or visit the green team website at [www.greenteam.cc](http://www.greenteam.cc).



### Green Ideas

Instead of:	Use:
Bleach	Borax
Glass Cleaner	Vinegar & Water
Stain Remover	Cornstarch Paste
Grease Cutter	Vinegar & Lemon Juice

## Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Green Team is once again providing an opportunity for collecting household hazardous material. On Saturday, Oct., 3. The Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held at the Canfield Fairgrounds from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. The collection hours listed below are designated by last name:  
 A-F 9:00 am-11:00 pm    G-N 11:00 am-1:00 pm    O-Z 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

The following **HOUSEHOLD** items will be accepted:

Thinners	Automotive Fluids	Pool & Photo Chemicals	Bleach
Antifreeze	Used Motor Oil	Solvents	Poisons
Aerosol Cans	Propane Cylinders	Acids	Stains
Lighter Fluid	Adhesive/Glue	Mercury	Greases
Roof Coatings	Car Batteries	Household Cleaners	Pesticides
Varnish	Gasoline	Oil Based Paint	Herbicides
Caulks	Cylinder Fluorescent Lights		

Latex paint will not be accepted. Dispose of Latex paint by hardening with sand or kitty litter and placing with regular household waste. For additional information regarding this special collection, contact the Green Team.

## America Recycles Day

### Environmental Quote

"We must instill the morality and ethics of conservation in the fiber of contemporary consciousness."

~ Roger Caras  
 Yale School  
 of Forestry

America Recycles Day (ARD) is observed on November 15 and is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to encouraging Americans to recycle and buy recycled products.

When material is recycled it becomes new again. Plastic bottles can

become carpet or playground equipment while glass bottles and jars may be recycled into new containers or glassphalt.

On America Recycles Day, take the pledge. **Learn** - Find out which materials are collected for recycling in your community. **Act** - Reduce

personal waste by recycling. **Share** - In the next month, encourage one family member or one friend to begin recycling at home or at work.

For more information about this subject, visit [americarecyclesday.org](http://americarecyclesday.org).





## Greening the Holidays



The day after Thanksgiving, typically known as “Black Friday,” has always been a feeding frenzy for shoppers. This year, however, will look different. Due to social distancing requirements and the necessity to reduce crowds, many retailers are offering early sales, a longer shopping season, and extended curbside shopping options.

While the global pandemic has caused a lot of negative changes in our society, maybe this change is for the best. In fact, this may be just the right time to reflect on the true spirit of the season and to make positive changes that are good for society and the environment. In other words, it's

time to “go green” for the holidays. Here are some simple tips to help you with this effort.

**SHOP GREEN:** Purchase items from local artisans and crafters and always carry your reusable tote bag to contain these purchases. If you're using a curbside shopping service, refuse plastic shopping bags and opt for paper instead. If you're shopping on line, remember to recycle shipping boxes and to return packaging material to local shippers for re-use.

**GIVE GREEN:** Make a donation in someone's name to a local charity. Adopt wildlife or wildlife habitat. Create a basket full of homemade baked goods or print coupons for gifts of service.

**DECORATE GREEN:** Decorate an outdoor tree with fruit, seeds, and nuts for wildlife. Decorate your indoor tree with homemade ornaments.

**ENTERTAIN GREEN:** Host a zero waste celebration for your family. Use real dinnerware and provide recycling receptacles for beverage containers. Purchase locally grown food and save leftovers.

**REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE:** Wrap gifts in baskets or reusable bags tied with raffia bows. Make gift tags using last year's cards. Participate in the Green Team's holiday recycling drives.

~ Kim Lewis



### Holiday Recycling Drives

Each year during the holiday season, an extra 5 million tons of waste is generated --- 25% more than usual! To address this issue, the Green Team is sponsoring two special recycling drives.

Wrap It Up Again! is the wrapping paper and greeting card drive scheduled for December 26 through January 15 at our recycling drop-off sites. Remember to remove all ribbons and bows and to exclude foil wraps.

The Christmas Tree Recycling Drive will be held December 26 through January 31 at designated recycling drop-off sites. Trees will be donated to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for use as wildlife habitat.

Last year Mahoning County diverted nearly 5,000 pounds of wrapping paper and greeting cards along with 90,000 pounds of Christmas trees from the waste stream. Let's make this year an even bigger success. Remember--- every little bit counts.



## Presents With a Purpose

If you're at a loss to find the perfect gift and are shopping for the “person who has everything” why not consider making a charitable donation to a local agency in your gift recipient's name? In the valley, opportunities abound.

For the humanitarian on

your list, consider making a donation to:

- The Beatitude House
- Veteran's Outreach
- Rescue Mission
- Mina's Foster Closet
- Make A Wish Foundation

For the animal lover on your list consider making a donation to:

- Angels for Animals
- Birds in Flight
- Every Dog Matters
- Friends of Fido
- Frisky Ferrets, et al
- NE OH Lab Rescue
- OH Shorthair Rescue
- TNR of Warren
- West Side Cats



## Design-an-Ornament Contest



Are your students creative? Do they like to create something from reused material? Then you are ready for your students to enter the “Design - an- Ornament Contest.” From now until November 24, 2020 students in grades K through twelve can make ornaments from any reused material that they can find. Send them to the Green

Team office. The Green Team will decorate a Christmas tree at the Mahoning County Courthouse with various “reused” ornaments that the students send to the Green Team. The contest part of designing an ornament is to see which classroom gets a bird feeder made from recycled material. Every classroom that enters will

have its name put into a jar. After November 24th, the Green Team will pick a name from the jar to receive the bird feeder. Be creative and enjoy making the ornaments while teaching your students about “Reuse!”

~ Peg Flynn  
Environmental Educator





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**Be an angel ...**

and recycle your old towels and blankets. Angels for Animals is in need of used bath towels and small blankets for their animal charity. If you would like to donate these items please drop them off at the shelter located at 4750 State Rt. 165 in Canfield.



**Go Green**

## Special Collections

In addition to the HHW Collection reported on page 2, the Green Team is hosting two additional special collections during the month of October. Information regarding these events is posted below.

### Electronics Recycling Drive

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020 : 9AM - 2PM

CANFIELD FAIRGROUNDS : SR 46 : GATE 9

MAHONING COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS ONLY / NO BUSINESSES

WE WILL ACCEPT THESE ITEMS ONLY:

Cable & Wire	Desktop Computers	Misc. Electronics
Cell Phones	DVD/VCR Players	Network Equipment
Copiers	Fax Machines	Plasma Televisions
Cordless Phones	Flat Panel Monitors	Printers/Scanners
Computer Accessories	Laptop Computers	Servers
CRT Monitors	LCD/LED Televisions	Stereos
CRT Televisions	Microwaves	Tablets

NO FLOOR MODEL COPIERS

\*ALL MONITORS & TELEVISIONS WILL HAVE A \$20 FEE FOR PROCESSING.

\*ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR FREE.

### Tire Recycling Drive

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020 : 10AM - 2PM

CANFIELD FAIRGROUNDS : SR 46 : GATE 9

MAHONING COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS ONLY / NO BUSINESSES

**RATES (CASH ONLY):**

- First 4 passenger tires are free.
- Additional passenger tires are \$2 each
- Semi-tires are \$4 each.
- Agricultural tires are \$20 each.

PLEASE NOTE: It is against Ohio Law for persons to transport more than 10 tires without a license.

For more information about these special collections, contact the Green Team