

Rockland County Government is working every day to practice green living. The links below can help you learn all about using TOR and TZx and other public transportation services, and also about green living support from other County departments. There are also links to other helpful “green” websites and common sense tips for leaving a smaller environmental footprint each day:

Go to www.co.rockland.ny.us/PublicTrans and click on the green TOR bus to see schedules and maps for TOR and TZx buses. GO GREEN on green & white TOR and TZx buses whenever the kids are heading out to the mall or if you are going to work in NYC or White Plains. Produce fewer carbon emissions and spend less money while enjoying a comfortable ride that costs less than half a gallon of gas.

Go to www.rocklandrecycles.com to obtain information about the County’s Household Hazardous Waste Facility. This facility is a drop-off collection site that accepts household hazardous waste materials from residents and small businesses. You can also receive a free non-mercury thermometer by trading in a mercury thermometer.

The Planning Department has a library of videotapes and DVDs on educational sessions held in the past. One of the educational sessions specifically focused on Green Building. To see specifics on the educational session held on Green Building, go to <http://www.co.rockland.ny.us/planning/releases/FedGreenBuildingSession.pdf> to request a copy of the videotape or DVD, please contact Arlene Miller at (845) 364-3434.

Go to www.co.rockland.ny.us/environ to learn about County Parks. You can even download a form to request permission for group gatherings at the parks.

Go to www.co.rockland.ny.us/WNV/default.htm to learn how you can work with the Health Department's environmentally friendly methods to control mosquitoes that might spread West Nile Virus, and to learn how to obtain free mosquito-eating fish and swimming pool dunks.

Go to www.keeprocklandbeautiful.org to learn about community programs and groups that are working to improve our environment.

Go to www.co.rockland.ny.us/steps to reach the Health Department's "Steps to a Healthier New York" program. The County Health Department offers opportunities to live healthier through walking, eating healthier foods and more.

Go to <http://www.co.rockland.ny.us/Highway/default.htm> and connect with the Highway Department/Drainage Agency to make certain that your building and home improvement projects conform with proper water drainage practices.

Go to www.rocklandnysewerdistrict.org to learn about what NOT to put into Rockland's sewer systems. The wrong substances can cause clogs, endangering the environment and wasting tax dollars.

Here are some more going green tips:

- Go to www.nuride.com to earn "carpool credits" for restaurants, stores or event tickets. Carpool with friends, even if not every day. Your financial and environmental footprint will be decreased.
- Go to www.rocklandbike.org/news and get into biking. Use natural energy instead of carbon.
- Go to www.rocklandcce.org to connect with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland. Learn lots about gardening and re-greening your community.

- **Use a canvas carry-bag. Plastic bags are a petro-chemical substance and are harmful to the environment.**
- **Recharge your electronic devices through a power strip so that you can switch it off sometimes. About 95% of that electricity is never used and is wasted.**
- **Clean your air conditioner filters to reduce the power needed.**
- **Re-use household items whenever practical. Did you know that builders use newspaper pages to clean windows in a house? Try it and save those paper towels for later.**
- **On your home's thermostat, save a few degrees for when you really need it.**
- **Turn out the lights when you leave the room.**
- **Use the new screw-in fluorescent lights that are replacing light bulbs. They last for years and really can lower your power bill.**