Image: Compost.png

Do the most with your #compost this spring! 🌱

Composting can enrich your soil and help retain moisture, suppress plant diseases & pests, and reduce the need for chemical fertilizers. You'll also help save landfill space + reduce your carbon footprint 👏

Get started: https://on.in.gov/compost

Image: Pesticides.png

Step aside, pesticides!

Overuse of pesticides can be a threat to human health and the environment, not to mention that some pests may build up immunity over time.

Instead, deprive them of what they need to survive: food, water, shelter, and ways to get around. ✖ 🐜

Learn more: https://on.in.gov/pests

Image: RainBarrels.png

April showers bring May flowers ✿ (and a reason to purchase a rain barrel!)

Collecting rainwater from your roof that would otherwise run off as drainage, rain barrels can save energy and money when you use the water for your garden, compost, or lawn. 🌧

Get your own barrel: https://on.in.gov/rain

Image: FastFashion.png

Spring fashion, with its bright colors and fun patterns, can be tempting after a gloomy winter; but fast fashion paired with low-quality materials carries a large carbon footprint.

This season, build a waste-free wardrobe through thrifting, & upcycle your old garments ♻👕

Image: Landscape.png

Each year, melting snow and seasonal rain showers cause heavy stormwater runoff that threatens our ecosystem.

Without permeable pavements and thoughtful landscaping, we risk flooding, erosion, and polluted water.

How will you make your landscaping project eco-friendly? 💭 For more ideas, visit https://on.in.gov/npstips

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Image: CarWash.png

At-home car washes are NOT eco-friendly.

By taking your car to a commercial car wash, where water conservation and treatment is strictly regulated, you can help prevent toxics from entering our waterways.

A clean car AND clean water? It's a win-win for everyone! ✨

Image: Cleaning.png

The dirty secret about cleaning products? They often contain harsh chemicals that pose a risk to our environment and health. 🧖

Thankfully, eco-friendly brands and at-home recipes are on the rise, so your home can stay fresh and clean, without the toxics 🏠

OR

Here's a tongue-twister: to green your clean this spring, search for products that are eco-friendly 🌿 (or, if you're ambitious, create your own!)

Image: Declutter.png

If the idea of decluttering your home this spring doesn't "spark joy," we understand!

Try breaking down this daunting task by dividing items based on their purpose: keep, donate, recycle, and (as a last resort) trash. Remember, never trash hazardous materials or electronics 📺

Recycling 101: https://on.in.gov/recycle

Image: Pollinators.png

Habitat loss and pesticides are the main causes of declining pollinator populations. Luckily, our gardens can serve as mini sanctuaries.

Planting untreated, year-round native plants and using natural fertilizers or herbicides is the surest way to make everyone happy 🐝

Image: NativePlants.png

Expert and novice gardeners agree: native plants are the bee's knees! 🐝

Because native plants are suited for your local environment, they don't require a ton of care, and can even help conserve water and attract pollinators.

Shop your local nursery to get started 🌱

Image: Garden.png

The best time to start a garden? Yesterday!

By growing your own fresh, organic produce, you can reduce food miles and the environmental damage caused by pesticides, AND save money! Even fellow urbanites can get involved now thanks to urban gardening.

What will you grow? 🌱 🍅