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Seven things you thought you could recycle... but can't

If you've ever put something in the recycling bin just because ... well, it seemed recyclable, you may have accidentally gummed up the works at your local recycling plant. Find out what to keep out of your bin, so what goes in can be recycled easily and efficiently.

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House gives final approval for \$180,000 for Cranford's energy efficient efforts

U.S. Rep. Leonard Lance (NJ-07) announced today that the House of Representatives gave its final approval of Lance's \$180,000 request for Cranford to make the township more energy efficient.

The Senate is expected to give its final approval later this week and the measure will then be sent to the President -- where he is expected to sign it into law.

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Flip You Lid For Art

Rake For The Planet

Want to do something good for the planet this fall?

Join the MyGreenCranford Green Team members and keep your power blowers and mulchers in the storage shed and "rake for the planet" one day during this fall leaf clean up season. This is an opportunity to spend some quality time with your family, have some fun, and do something that will put a smile on Mother Nature's face.

According to a report by the California EPA published in 2000, commercial leaf blowers run for 30 minutes emit CO2 equivalent to a car being driven 7,700 miles and carbon monoxide equivalent to 440 miles of driving. Another way of putting it, commercial leaf blowers emit over 500 times the amount of CO2 as cars. Residential leaf blowers are quite different, but still not good; these leaf blowers emit CO2 equivalent to 2,200 miles of driving and carbon monoxide equal to 110 miles.

Noise level is another concern. Older gasoline-powered blowers at full throttle have been measured at more than 100 decibels. Newer equipment has improved on noise levels but can still hit 70 decibels.

Blowers' high-velocity air stream removes topsoil, mulch, and other organic material from your lawn and garden and the dust particles that can be blown into the air can trigger allergies for many people.

Rake For The Planet offers us an opportunity to examine the effects small engine equipment has on the environment and to consider alternate methods of maintaining our property. The program is voluntary and you should consider you physical condition before deciding to participate.

Visit MyGreenCranford.org for more information. If you decide to join us, please complete the pledge form on our [Rake For The Planet](#) web page.

Jersey Central Arts Studio ("JCAS"), the Cranford Community Center, and the Cranford Environmental Commission are joining forces for an exciting new community project: an art installation at the Community Center which makes use of recycled materials.

The "Flip your Lid for Art" project will involve the collection of recycled plastic lids. The lids will then be threaded on a series of long strings and then hung from the ceiling in the atrium of the Cranford Community Center as a temporary exhibit. The result will be a colorful, dramatic installation resembling the look of a stain glass mobile. The project provides an opportunity for JCAS to partner with both the Cranford Parks and Recreation Department and the Environmental Commission and provides all Cranford residents with the opportunity for involvement.

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Green Team Update

The Green Team is making great strides toward sustainability and accreditation. It has established several project kick off dates, such as Mayor's Wellness Campaign, which will be kicked off on October 24th and a lecture series (the first of which is Nov. 12).

Other projects that have been moving ahead are the Community Garden's project where several members of the Green Team are looking into public properties to pilot a community garden project. The benefits of a Community Garden are several: they provide local food, cutting down on GHG (Green House Gasses) used for food transportation; they support a sense of community; they provide gardens for people who live in places where they are unable to have them.

Cranford Schools, who have made sustainability goals have established projects and are moving toward them. There is nothing in stone, but there may be less idling outside of schools going forward.

A new partner with the Green Team may be a group of Girl Scouts who will be required to take on a large project (with the length of a year). They will make their decision later on this month, but just knowing they will be doing something is heartening.

Mary Reilly

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