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## My Green Cranford E-News



### Compost Bins and Rain Barrels on Sale

Sustainable Berkeley Heights will be selling Earth Machine Backyard Compost Bins and SYSTEM Rain Barrels at great discounts. Visit the [www.MyGreenCranford.org Home & Garden Page](http://www.MyGreenCranford.org/Home&GardenPage) for details.

### Top 5 Going Green Money Savers Ways to Cut Back and Keep Bills Down

Ah, summer. A time of heat waves, hot dogs and...home energy audits? Here are a few easy ways to lower your footprint and your bills.

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### LOW-VOC PAINTS *Preferable, Available, Affordable* *From NRDC's The Green Life*

On two occasions in recent months we've needed painting done in our apartment -- once due to water damage and another time because we enlarged a room. For the first job, we got low-VOC paint; for the second one -- completed last night - we forgot.

What a mistake! We are living with the consequences this morning and

### "Green Team" To Be Formed in Cranford

Concerned Cranford citizens met last week to discuss the formation of a 'Green Team', part of a state-wide effort to promote environmental policies and practices in both municipal governments and with private citizens. Under the [Sustainable Jersey](#) program, municipalities can take steps to become certified and to receive incentives to promote sustainable environmental practices. The formation of the Green Team is the first step for Cranford to achieve certification and become eligible for grant programs.

The Cranford Township Committee recently passed a resolution supporting the Town's focus on sustainability recognizing the importance of meeting the present needs of Cranford and its citizens without compromising those of future generations. Sustainability relates to the continuity of economic, social, institutional and environmental aspects of human society as well as the non-human environment. In acknowledging its support of the formation of a Green Team, the Township Committee is joining other municipalities in New Jersey embarking on sustainability programs and addressing issues such as global warming, pollution, biodiversity, green building and organic gardening.

Cranford's Green Team is intended to represent all community interests, including families, businesses, government, schools and faith groups. Members will have a wide range of interests with which to contribute to the Team.

To begin the discussion, there will be a "Green Drinks" event at the Kilkenny House Restaurant and Pub on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. This will be a very informal gathering for those interested in promoting environmental issues and practices in Cranford.

If you would like to be part of a local effort to preserve our community through local action, you are invited to join Cranford's Green Team. To learn more about the program, please visit [www.mygreencranford.com](http://www.mygreencranford.com), call Mary Reilly at 908 967-6044 or stop by the [Kilkenny House Restaurant and Pub](#) on June 24th. Also, please watch for announcements about future events and mailings.

will go on living with them for a long time to come. I don't just mean the new paint smell now pervading our home, but the health risks that go with it.

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### **Recycle with Fun Craft Ideas for the Kids!**

Teaching our children the importance of recycling has never been this much fun.

Visit [Kaboos.com](http://Kaboos.com) for fun craft projects using egg cartons, tin cans, laundry bottles, and more.

### **From The Desk of Nelson Dittmar**

The exciting news this month is that we are forming a Green Team. We hope to make Cranford a more environmentally sensitive, sustainable community. Please see a related article in this newsletter for more information.

The Berkeley Heights Environmental Commission has offered us an excellent opportunity to join them in their campaign to offer compost bins and rain barrels for sale at nearly a fifty percent discount. The Home & Garden section of the Solutions tab in My Green Cranford has more information and the order form.

Lisa Bregman, Program Associate with the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and former member of the Environmental Commission has posted a great article on the foundation's blog about our activities. Go to the Events & News tab in My Green Cranford to see what we have been up to.

Finally, once again I urge you to take the ENERGY STAR pledge. The link to the pledge site is <http://www.energystarcranford.2ya.com/>. On Earth Day, we started a new year. So, even if you pledged last year, you can renew your pledge this year.

Nelson Dittmar  
Chair

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