

GREEN EVENTS DISPLAYS

Energy

Includes large poster that serves as game board for EQ-Challenge energy game. Also offers energy savings tips and resources and information about renewable energy, including passive heating and cooling, and how to receive energy rebates for replacing old refrigerators and washers.

Go Green Display

- *Green your life, your home and your community*

- Gives tips to green the way you live by recycling, buying locally, and composting kitchen and lawn waste. Green your home by using non-toxic and biodegradable products, energy efficient appliances and keeping your lawn chemical free.

Green your community by enacting ordinances to protect trees, water, steep slopes, and establish pesticide free zones.

Green This House Display

- *14 Fixes for Your Earth-Friendly Home*

Shows your community residents the importance of reducing their carbon footprint and how to conserve resources without spending a lot. Gives tips to help save energy, water, and the planet.

The display includes information about conducting a home energy analysis, setting thermostats, green landscaping, rain barrels, using renewable energy and more.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

- *Make a difference in your community*

Ideas on how to be more efficient in your purchasing and consuming behavior. Avoid excess packaging and purchase reusable items such as water bottles and shopping bags.

Facts and statistics on recycling and the amount of waste consumers produce.

Tips on how you can reuse paper, stop junk mail, and save money and resources by buying in bulk.

Passaic River

- *Ours to Protect*
- *Ours to Enjoy*

This 3-panel display focuses on the Passaic River and its watershed, with information about stormwater impacts and what residents can do to protect and enjoy the river.

Stormwater

- *Clean water for your town*

Explains the environmental effects of rain and stormwater, what the State requires your town to do and what you can do. Your town can prevent pollution run-off by encouraging environmentally friendly lawn care procedures, enacting water protection ordinances like requiring pet waste pick-up and proper septic system maintenance. Also displays how stream buffers help water quality and why you need stormwater control for new development.



ACTIVITIES AND IDEAS FOR YOUR EVENT

Maps - Enlarged maps from your Environmental Resources Inventory attract attention and invite public input. Display maps of open space or stream corridors with information about water protection.

Environmental trivia questions - Test residents ECO-IQ with questions about wildlife, water conservation, energy efficiency, recycling, and green purchasing.

Raffle - Ask a local garden center to donate small trees, plants or flowers and hold a raffle. Then collect names and email addresses of entrants for future promotions. Trees dress up your fair booth too.

What recycles where? - Have several types of plastics available (soda bottles, yogurt cups, fast food containers) and challenge people to identify which are recyclable.

Native vs. non-native plants - Display pictures of native and non-native species of trees and plants that are typically seen around your town. Have people guess which is native and which is not.

Surveys - Design a survey to ask residents what the top three or four

environmental concerns are in your town and get opinions on how to improve them.

Solar cooker - Make a pizza box solar cooker and have cookies baking during your event. Let the aroma draw people to you. www.solarnow.org/pizzabx.htm

Coffee can birdfeeder - Easy project for kids.
www.birdwatchersdigest.com/site/how_to/build_your_own/coffee_can_feeder.aspx

Bird's nest starter - Reuse onion string bag or small mesh washing machine bag. Add old string, yarn, dried grass and twigs. Hang on tree where birds can use to start their nest.

Art projects - Have paint, crayons, paper, and glue to keep kids busy while parents talk. Make handprint butterflies and trees with paint, and create animal pictures by gluing leaves on paper.

ANJEC Resource Center Handouts

- **Environmentally Friendly Lawn Care Guide**
- **Clean Water for Our Town**
- **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**
- **Going Green**
- **Pet Waste**
- **Solutions to Stormwater Pollution**
- **Green This House**
- **Examples of Simple Public Awareness Programs with Big Payoffs**

- **Green Cleaning (NJEF/Clean Water Action)**
- **Energy Fact Sheet (Alliance to Save Energy)**

Other Resources

How to Plan a Sustainable Event -

Downloadable brochure offers ideas on events that conserve and restore resources, www.sustainable.org/information/susevent.html

Clean Power Choice Program - Check the box for clean power, www.njcleanenergy.com/

Idle Free, You & Me - Reduce vehicle exhaust, www.cleanwateraction.org/node/141

Stop the Catalogs - Stop all unwanted catalogs, www.catalogchoice.org

NJDEP SEEDS, environmental education directory website, www.state.nj.us/dep/seeds/

EcoKids Earth Day, www.ecokidsonline.com/pub/eco_info/topics/environmental/earthday/index.cfm

USEPA Earth Day Take Home Kit, www.epa.gov/EarthDay/takehomekit.htm

Water conserving plumbing fixtures, www.eartheasy.com/live_water_saving.htm

USDA, Natural Resources and the Environment
www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/.s.7.0.A/7.0.IOB?navtype=SU&navid=NATURAL_RESOURCE

NIEHS, Environmental Health, <http://kids.niehs.nih.gov/>

DISPLAYS, ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES FOR YOUR COMMUNITY'S EVENTS

ANJEC offers six different displays available on loan for use at your local event: *Energy, Go Green, Green This House, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Passaic River, and Stormwater* all consist of a three panel tabletop display with laminated graphics and text. Each comes with one or more handouts available for photocopying. Be sure to contact us early to reserve a display for your event.

If our display panels are all loaned out you may still borrow the laminated graphics and use them on your own display panel.

This guide was created by the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions. For more information, visit www.anjec.org or call 973-539-7547.