

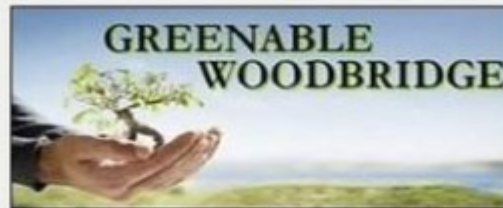


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May is National Bike Month so check out our flyer below for everything you should know about bicycling in Woodbridge!



May, 2021

Greenable Topic

Bicycling

#### What should I know?

- ➡ The US EPA has noted that the average passenger vehicle tailpipe emits about 404 grams of CO<sub>2</sub> per mile driven. The choice to take a short three mile bike trek instead of driving the average passenger vehicle could off-set about the equivalent of 1.5 pounds of coal burned!
- ➡ All ten towns within Woodbridge will have installed bike routes between 2021 and 2022! The goals of the routes are to connect people to places of interest, ensuring the first mile and last mile of transit corridors is serviced, and directing cyclists to recreational areas and shopping districts alike.

#### Why is it important?

- ➡ Inter-connected bikeable travel removes barriers to mobility and increases the safety and equity of pedestrians and cyclists. The bicycle, in contrast to the automobile, is non-polluting, and contributes to the Township's goal of reducing carbon emissions from tailpipes through creating an alternative transportation network.
- ➡ Access to goods, services, and activities through a zero-emission transportation alternative network is an important facet of a mobility, economic development, public health, and environmental sustainability.

#### How can I get involved?

- ➡ Balanced transportation choices are important to individual travelers and overall environmental health. Take part in the new FREE Greenable Woodbridge bike share program, and help reduce carbon emissions from tailpipes, while building a sustainable zero-emission travel network.
- ➡ Details will be released in May of 2021 about how to download the app and ride for FREE! Stay Tuned for updates at:  
[www.townofwoodbridge.nj.us/545/Greenable-Woodbridge](https://www.townofwoodbridge.nj.us/545/Greenable-Woodbridge)

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- ➡ Bike to Work Week 2021 will take place May 17-23, 2021 & Bike to Work Day is on May 21!



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April, 2021

Greenable Topic

Composting & Yard Waste

### What should I know?

- ✓ A 5,000 sq. ft. lawn can generate about 75 lbs of grass clippings! Grasscycling (mowing higher) and not bagging those clippings, creates a natural way to have a healthy lawn while managing grass clippings instead of hauling them to a landfill.
- ✓ Average households may produce up to 650 lbs of compostable materials yearly, equivalent to over 1,000 lbs of CO<sub>2</sub> if sent to a landfill. Composting reduces waste, acts as fertilizer, and creates healthy soil for grass & plants.

### Why is it important?

- ✓ During rain events fertilizers can run-off lawns into storm drains and ultimately end up in waterways causing impaired water quality. Grasscycling and composting provides nutrient rich benefits for lawns without environmental harm.
- ✓ Discarded food sent to landfills leads to increases in harmful atmospheric greenhouse gases. Composting helps to recycle nutrient rich materials found in food, and gives a second life to these once discarded items.

### How can I get involved?

- ✓ Composting is easier than you think! Food scraps and yard waste make up almost 30% of what is typically thrown away. Learn how you can compost at: <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home>
- ✓ Mow high & Mulch! Adjust the mower height to leave your lawn 3-3½ inches long.

### Reminders!

- ✓ April 22nd, 2021 is Earth Day!
- ✓ Saturday, May 1st is Woodbridge Township's Earth Day Celebration from 9am - 1pm at Town Hall's parking lot! Learn more about the excitement at: [www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us](http://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us)



March, 2021

## Greenable Topic

### Solar Power & Green Jobs

#### What should I know?

- ⇒ Historically fossil fuels have been the answer to solve the need to produce energy. Fossil fuels are non-renewable sources of energy such as coal and petroleum. Though effective in power generation, these resources are limited in quantity and cause environmental harm during extraction & power generation.
- ⇒ The green job sector is a growing force to combat these issues through sustainable energy development and career growth.

#### Why is it important?

- ⇒ Taking steps toward enhancing access and distribution of renewable resources like solar power positively impacts community health, and leads to reduced greenhouse gas emissions.
- ⇒ Green job growth such as training professionals to install, maintain, and monitor solar systems ultimately benefits local economies and the environment at large.

#### How can I get involved?

- ⇒ There are job-training classes focused on rooftop photovoltaic (PV) solar system installation that take into account safe public engagement during our on-going health crisis through free online classes. Learn more at: [solarlandscape.com/training-program](https://solarlandscape.com/training-program)
- ⇒ Community solar allows access to solar energy without installing panels or owning your own home. Learn more at: [gosolarlandscape.com](https://gosolarlandscape.com)

#### Reminders!

- ⇒ Learn about solar options for homeowners like federal tax credits and leasing options at: [www.energy.gov/eere/solar/homeowner-s-guide-going-solar](https://www.energy.gov/eere/solar/homeowner-s-guide-going-solar)
- ⇒ Learn about more green job opportunities at: [www.state.nj.us/njnextstop/home/greenjobs/](https://www.state.nj.us/njnextstop/home/greenjobs/)
- ⇒ March 22nd is World Water Day! Learn about how water faces threats from fossil fuels at: [www.worldwaterday.org/learn](https://www.worldwaterday.org/learn)