



Reminders

Styrofoam (EPS) Recycling

April 5, 2025

July 26, 2025

September 27, 2025

January 3, 2026

Recycling Center

9 am to 1 pm

Click here to learn more

<https://www.waldwicknj.gov/news/post/8813/>



Considering Native Plants for Your Yard?

See this non-profit's directories of local resources:
<https://homegrownnationalpark.org/>

Click on the link below or scan the QR code to learn more about the
Waldwick Environmental Advisory Committee
<https://www.waldwicknj.gov/departments/EAC>



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Environmental News

---- WINTER 2025 ----

Waldwick Open Space & Recreation Plan



The *Waldwick Open Space and Recreation Plan* was recently adopted by the Waldwick Planning Board. It is a guide for Waldwick to enhance, expand, and preserve parkland. The Plan qualifies the Borough to seek NJ Green Acres funding to improve its park system. Access to natural spaces and parks improves health outcomes in communities. Park access increases physical activity such as walking, climbing, and playing sports. Parks promote engagement with nature and improve community cohesion by providing a location for people to congregate, socialize, enjoy similar recreational pursuits. The Plan has four main goals: (1) Provide recreational areas and parks within a 10-min. walk or bicycle ride of every resident; (2) Offer a variety of outdoor venues to support recreational pursuits for residents of all ages and abilities; (3) Safeguard a resilient landscape; and (4) Integrate cultural heritage to ensure that sense of place. Click on the link below to view the Plan:

https://www.waldwicknj.gov/media/planning_board/Waldwick-Final-2-5-2025-red.pdf

The Waldwick Environmental Advisory Committee Needs You!

Waldwick is considering a variety of environmental projects for 2025. No final decisions have been made, and we welcome input on which projects to pursue. These include installing flower boxes along a Ho-Ho-Kus Brook bridge, creating more attractive and sustainable landscaping in and around the Rt. 17 & Sheridan Ave. interchange, organizing volunteers this spring to conduct general clean-ups of trash & debris where needed around town, and a proposal to support local pollinator populations by asking residents to consider maintaining their lawns in whole or in part in a more environmentally friendly manner. The Committee includes the Beautification Committee and Green Team and serves in an advisory capacity providing information, advice, & recommendations to the Mayor and Council relating to environmental issues which impact or are perceived to have a potential impact on the Borough. Meetings are held at the Administration Building at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of every month. Please feel free to drop by.



Is English Ivy growing on your trees?

Consider removing the Ivy. Vines growing on trees can damage and kill trees. Large trees are ecologically important and dead ones may be expensive to remove. *English Ivy* is an invasive species in NJ and hurts trees because it blocks sunlight, promotes rot and fungus growth, reduces tree vigor by consuming water and nutrients, and adds extra weight that may strangle young trees or destabilize mature trees. *Poison Ivy* can also have similar effects. Not all vines have these issues. *Virginia Creeper*, a native NJ species, has few adverse effects on trees because it rarely forms thick growths. Undesirable vines can generally be controlled by cutting the vines at the base of the tree. Once severed, vines will naturally wither and die, and eventually drop off the tree. If you have a problem vine situation but are not sure what action to take, consult an arborist. Learn more about *English Ivy* from Rutgers Cooperative Extension:

<https://envirostewards.rutgers.edu/2023/10/23/october-invasive-plant-of-the-month-english-ivy/>