



Reminders

Styrofoam (EPS) Recycling

January 16, 2027

Recycling Center

9 am to 1 pm

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waldwicknj.gov/news/post/10340/



If you have a [mosquito bucket](#), don't forget to refresh your bucket once a month with $\frac{1}{4}$ of a [Bti dunk](#)

Click on the link below or scan the QR code to learn more about the **Waldwick Environmental Advisory Committee**

waldwicknj.gov/departments/EAC



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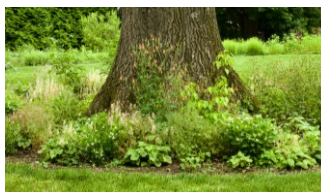
Free Bird Identification App

Are you curious about the birds you see or hear in your yard? Find out what they are instantly. [Merlin Bird ID](#), from Cornell University's Bird Lab, identifies any bird you see or hear by its photo or birdcall. Merlin's *Sound ID* "listens" to the birds around you and shows real-time suggestions for who's singing. *Sound ID* works offline, so you can identify birds wherever you are. Download it from the Apple [App-Store](#) or [Google Play](#). Merlin Bird ID is ad-free.



Free Plant Identification Apps

Curious about what exactly is growing in your yard? Perhaps you are concerned that you might have a patch of poison ivy or other toxic weed. Find out quickly & easily with [Pl@ntnet](#) or [iNaturalist](#). Pl@ntNet is a citizen science platform that facilitates the identification and inventory of thousands of plant species simply by taking a photo of them. iNaturalist functions in a similar manner and also identifies insect and animal species. Both apps have millions of users and have together accumulated over 400 million observations. Download either one or both from the [AppStore](#) or [Google Play](#). Both are ad-free.



Is a "Soft Landing" a Good Fit for Your Yard?

If you have a shady area under trees where grass doesn't thrive, consider increasing its habitat value by replanting this space with diverse native NJ plants. Such an area, if maintained in a naturalized state (don't mow, don't spray pesticides, allow some leaves to remain over the winter, and don't severely cut back vegetation until springtime), can provide shelter and habitat for life cycle stages of moths and butterflies, and other beneficial insects such as bumblebees, fireflies, and lacewings. After feeding in the tree canopy, some caterpillars disperse from the tree to pupate in the ground or in leaf litter beneath it. If there's only compacted, regularly-mowed turfgrass below, they have nowhere to go. A "soft landing" area provides caterpillars with the necessary refuge and habitat to pupate, while providing food and shelter for many other beneficial insects. Some surviving larvae and adults become food for other species, such as birds. Adult birds can survive on seeds, nuts, pollen, or nectar, but hatchlings require a nearby supply of caterpillars and moths. Learn more at Homegrownnationalpark.org/soft-landings/



Help Save the Fireflies

Fireflies worldwide are declining due to habitat loss, light pollution, pesticides, and climate change. They are beneficial insects in that they play ecological roles as predators and prey, inspire culture and science, and serve as bioindicators. Firefly larvae are predators. They hunt snails, slugs, and other soil invertebrates, keeping things in balance in leaf litter and underground. Most firefly species depend on specific habitats: wetlands, meadows, and forest edges where moist soil and natural cover give them what they need to complete their life cycle. When those places disappear, so do the fireflies. Firefly conservation involves habitat protection, restoration, monitoring, advocacy, and research to ensure their survival and ecological health. Homeowners can help by adopting firefly-friendly practices. Create a "soft landing" area under trees, or find a small area of grass that can be allowed to naturalize, where native perennials may grow and some leaf litter can remain over winter. Learn more at Xerces.org/endangered-species/fireflies



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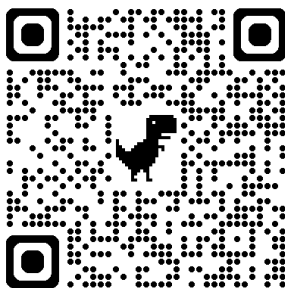
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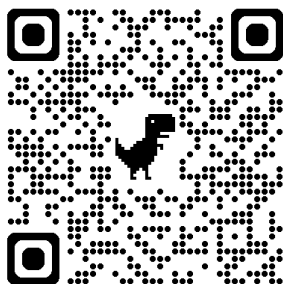
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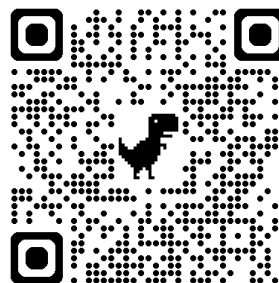
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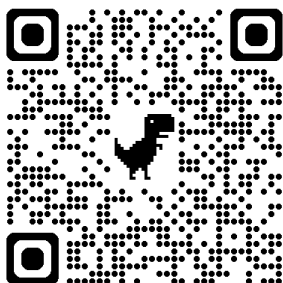
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