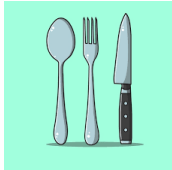


Environmental Tips from The Environmental Committee



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= **Skip the Stuff**

(bring along in your car so you will never need to ask for The Stuff)

Globally, this adds to the significant plastic pollution problem, as most plastic utensils are not recycled and end up in landfills or the environment. 🌍

- **United States:** More than 100 million plastic utensils are used daily.
- **Annual U.S. Usage:** This adds up to an estimated 36 to 40 billion plastic utensils per year in the U.S..
- **Global Impact:** Globally, around 9,200 metric tons of plastic are produced annually, with single-use utensils making up a significant portion of this waste.
- **Recycling Challenges:** Plastic utensils are often not recycled due to their size, shape, and mixed materials, meaning most end up in landfills or polluting the environment. 🌍

Mary Wilding, Judy Bouton and Leslie Karvan provided Environmental Tips!

Mary showed us how to put all of our loose produce into a mesh bag instead of those single use plastic bags when shopping. Judy suggested where to take our recyclable plastic (such as overwrap, bread bags, newspaper sleeves, etc.) Leslie found The Drip Hack, a way to repurpose gallon containers for easily assembled bird baths.



**Remember to
Reduce,
Reuse and
Recycle**

THE DRIP HACK

One Pinhole. 488% More Bird Visits.

MILK JUG — One pinhole in bottom. \$0 from your recycling.

1 DRIP PER SECOND — Pin-sized hole. Adjust by widening slightly if too slow.

12-18 INCHES ABOVE — Drip lands in center of bath.

SOUND RANGE — Drip audible 100-150 feet! Universal "water here" signal.

RIPPLES — Moving water reflects flashing light visible from 50+ feet above. Birds in flight spot it.

WARBLER — Canopy birds NEVER come to ground level. The drip brings them down.

CEDAR WAXWING — Travels in flocks of 20-40. One finds drip, flock follows.

ANTI-MOSQUITO — Constant ripples prevent larvae. Mosquitoes need STILL water.

Still bath: 8 visits/day. Drip bath: 47 visits/day. One pinhole