

Green Spring Cleaning Tips

It's time again for spring cleaning! Kick off spring cleaning this year by helping the environment. Here are a few tips to help the environment when getting your home ready for spring:

If your home has them, get your septic tank & well inspected. A septic tank that is working properly will save money and will help prevent ground water pollution. A well that is clean will ensure good water quality. Flooding and runoff can pollute small wells if they aren't sealed properly.

Buy low-phosphate cleaners and detergents for cleaning windows, mopping floors, washing curtains and blinds, etc. Phosphates act as a fertilizer and increase algae and aquatic weeds in waterways.

Dry clothes in the spring air. Drying clothes in the spring air will use less energy and money.

Give used items to local charities. Help save space at local landfills by donating used items to charity.

Recycle paper, glass, aluminum, plastics, used oil, car batteries, household batteries, tires, appliances and yard waste. Recycling saves resources, energy and landfill space and reduces air and water pollution.



Dispose of household products safely – never pour corrosive, toxic, flammable, or reactive household products down the sink, toilet, or bathtub drain unless the products are made for that purpose. The dangers of such disposal methods might not be immediately obvious, but improper disposal of these materials can pollute the environment or possibly harm your family.