

A GUIDE TO A GREENER YOU



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GREENER CLEANERS

Avoid harsh chemicals

Use refill centres like EcoBe

Use a plunger to unblock sinks

Wash laundry at 30°C or 20°C + anti-bacterial

Wash clothes only when needed

For laundry use soap nuts, laundry sheets or EcoEgg

REFURBISHING/ REDECORATING

Avoid impervious surfaces outside your property

Use Eco-friendly paints (<50g/l variable organic compounds)

It's cool to stay Retro!

Look for FSC certified wood

Treat wood with beeswax or plant oils

Lay natural flooring – real lino, rubber, bamboo, jute, hemp

GARDENING

Plant a hedgerow

Lay a beer trap (jam jar) as a slug pub

Leave old wood, fungi and rocks for mini-beasts

Create a wormery

Rewild and enjoy

Leave a hedgehog gap in fences

Refresh soil through crop rotation

Avoid chemical insecticides and pesticides

Grow your own herbs as well as fruit and veg

Create a bog or small pond

Put up a bird table or bath

HOUSE HEATING AND COOLING

- Turn down the thermostat to 19°C
- Switch to a 'green' energy provider
- Wear more layers of clothing
- Install solar panels
- Insulate the loft
- Insulate cavity walls

GADGETS

- Switch off TV's, radios etc. overnight
- Use as long as possible then recycle
- Say no to gimmicks (do you really need it?)
- Check if local shops can recycle items
- Unplug chargers especially overnight
- If broken try Dorking Repair Café to fix

FOOD (when possible)

- Buy organic from a refill centre
- Put waste in a kitchen caddy or compost
- Keep freezer and fridge doors shut as much as possible. Keep them full
- Microwave or air fry rather than hob-cook
- Buy in season, organic, local grown
- Use up leftovers
- Reduce meat consumption, buy local
- Buy Fairtrade and ethical products
- Use the Community Fridges

PACKAGING

- Recycle plastics ♻️ 1-5, 6-7 can't be recycled*
- Check if local organisations are using Terracycle
- Reduce, refuse, refill, re-purpose
- Check MVDC guides for Tetra Pak
- Refuse extra plastic packaging
- Check if local shops can recycle items
- Check labels for plastics that are recycled in supermarkets

MORE INFO PLUS SOME USEFUL LOCAL LINKS...

*PLASTICS YOU CAN RECYCLE



PLASTICS YOU CAN'T RECYCLE



LINKS TO RECYCLING DIRECTORIES

recyclenow.com



SURREY ENVIRONMENT PARTNERSHIP What to do with an item? surreyep.org.uk



LOCAL TERRACYCLE DROP OFF POINTS terracycle.com



RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRICALS recycleyourelectricals.org.uk



LOCAL COMPUTER AND IT EQUIPMENT cprcomputerrecycling.co.uk



DIRECTORY OF SOME OF OUR MEMBERS WHOSE ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY RELATE TO THE SUGGESTIONS OVERLEAF...

MENDING AND MAKING

Dorking Repair Café

Saving items from landfill one repair at a time. facebook.com/dorkingrepaircafe



Dorking Men's Shed

Community project repairing and making a whole host of items. dorkingshed.org.uk



COGS Bicycle Workshop

Cycle maintenance and repairs. cogsworkshop.com



The Cycle Collective

Cycle maintenance and repairs. thecyclecollective.cc



Dobbes

Maintaining and servicing garden equipment. dobbes.co.uk



GARDENING AND GROWING

Patchworking Garden Project

Volunteer garden project. patchworkinggardenproject.co.uk



Dorking Community Orchard

Volunteer orchard project.



LOCAL REFILL SHOP AND FOOD

EcoBe

Dried foods, laundry, cleaning and toiletries. ecobeshop.co.uk



Food Float

Run by the community for the community. foodfloat.org



Manor Farm, Wotton

Beltie Beef certified 'Pasture for Life'. manorfarmsurrey.com



Mid Surrey Community Fridges

Rescuing good, surplus food that would otherwise go to landfill and distributing it. midsurreycommunityfridges.co.uk



Circular Dorking is a network of businesses, community groups and individuals who are working together as volunteers to strengthen our Dorking community, by creating a local circular economy at its heart. This will mean we are all better placed to support each other to deal with the challenges of climate change and future uncertainty.

Our activities encourage local businesses to act sustainably, to make the best use of their materials and to minimise waste. We are publicising the best practices so that businesses can learn from each other. We are also signposting and enabling the wider community to make better informed choices. This will help all of us to move forward into the safe and sustainable future to which we all aspire, and that our planet deserves.

Shopping locally means that money circulates within the local economy whilst strengthening and benefiting our local community.

Everyone wins! What's not to like about our local community supporting itself and each of us to be sustainable, and be more community-minded?

Join us! Help get this done and celebrate our successes for all!

RE-USING

Dorking Community Wardrobe

Donated clothing saved from landfill and redistributed. facebook.com/thecomunitywardrobe



Beatitudes

Affordable, good-as-new children's shop, with clothes, toys, books and equipment.



Re-Use It

A re-use and recycle shop offering job opportunities to young adults with learning disabilities. www.aldag.org.uk/re-use-it



Circular.Clothing.Collective

Buy and sell high end preloved and vintage clothing. instagram.com/circular.clothing.collective



SOLAR POWER

Dorking Solar Group

Helping people and businesses make the move to Solar PV electricity. dorkingsolargroup.org



UK Solar Power Panels

Capel-based solar panel installation company. uksolarpowerpanels.co.uk



If you are a business or organisation involved in sustainable activities, why not become a member of Circular Dorking?



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