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## Green-To-Go Public Talks – 2021 Virtual Topics

### **The Power of Plants: *Natives!***

The plants native to a place contribute super-powers to their living communities: conserving and cycling water, recharging soil, cutting labor and chemical inputs, and growing habitat for native critters plus beauty and health-giving liveliness for us!

### **Recycle Responsibly!**

What happens to all that stuff in our bins? And why do some materials contaminate recycling? Learning how recycling systems work will help us keep recycling working for all. Recycling awareness can help turn the tide of plastic pollution too.

### **The Dirt on Compost**

As nature turns dead stuff into healthy soil, we can join the composting process to reduce waste and learn from one of life's most amazing, productive cycles.

### **Invasive? Native? Exotic? *an Eco-Logical view of plants***

The EarthWays Center of Missouri Botanical Garden invites you to meet some WILD-ly wonderful options for home and community lands. Learn how plant choices matter to birds, bugs and people - and why some good-looking plants go bad.

### **Growing a Culture for Native Plants**

Powered by human partnerships, native landscaping is a movement in St. Louis and across Missouri, with transplants into Kansas and Illinois. This inspiring talk spotlights forces growing eco-logical benefits for pollinators of all kinds, and people of all ages and persuasions. Examples to tap into and adapt!

### **Smarter - Greener - Cleaner**

Green home cleaning in the age of COVID-19 is serious - and workable! Why are cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting different? How do you tell what products clean safely and effectively? What about DIY cleaners? Resources for home, personal care and avoiding *greenwashing*.

### **Earth's Climate: Facts, Myths, Opportunities**

This basic overview of climate change includes key concepts of weather and climate, greenhouse gases, carbon footprint, policy options, and positive examples of personal, business and societal climate protection actions. Discussion is welcome!

### **Green Good News: Food!**

Our region is growing a full plate of local, sustainable, increasingly equitable food systems. Much to be proud of, to support and enjoy! Dig in and be nourished by this report. *Can combine with a report on native plant movement if desired to present **Green Good News! Local Moves to Sustainable Food and Native Plants***

### **Monarchs and Mosquitos**

Control the pests, protect the pollinators, enjoy more of nature – and educate your neighbors! Insect ecology shows the way to maintain healthy habitat for us and the “little things that things that rule the world.”

### **Energy in Buildings: Clean, Green, Economical**

A look into building energy use reveals ways to tune up building systems (and our energy-hungry behaviors) to save money, cut emissions - and have healthier indoor environments.

### **Green Means Business!**

Examples from companies in the St. Louis Green Business Challenge illustrate opportunities for reducing waste, saving energy and water, sustainable purchasing and transportation – with workplace Green Team efficiency. Sustainability is now a global business standard. How can Green go to work for your business?

### **Where is “Away?”**

Where does stuff go when you throw it away? This fascinating behind-the-scenes tour of waste handling processes covers recycling, community-scale composting and landfilling of the stuff that leaves our homes, schools and businesses everyday – to encourage sustainable choices!

### **Be a Green-Savvy Consumer**

As “Green” grows more popular, marketing campaigns exploit this consumer preference – but how can you tell what’s “greenwashing” and what’s worthwhile? This resource-packed talk spotlights product certifications, labeling – even mobile phone apps – you can use to choose products wisely, without feeling overwhelmed.

*Available with a Holiday focus.*

### **Stick a Fork in Food Waste!**

Food waste makes up nearly 22% of the waste we send to landfills. What are options, from field to fridge, to change this situation? Facts plus encouraging, practical and money-saving actions.

*Presenter: Maggie McCoy, EarthWays Center Education and Volunteer Coordinator*

## **Green-To-Go Talks - *General Information***

- Topics are geared for adult audiences.
- Virtual presentations on Zoom preferred, other videoconference platforms possible.
- Please inquire about additional resources for school and youth groups.
- Except where noted, presenter is J. Ponzi, EarthWays Center’s Green Resources Manager
- Scheduling is subject to staff availability; minimum two weeks’ notice is advised.
- An honorarium is requested, though not required.
- Suggested honoraria: \$100 for 30 or fewer attendees, \$200 for groups larger than 30.

### **To schedule or with questions contact:**

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