

Hoes does KS&R 'stay green' throughout the year?

Earth Day was April 22nd! We conducted an internal ethnography study to see how everyone is staying green in their daily lives.

What are we doing?

Staying green throughout the year is easier than you think!

Some things we are doing include:

- Using reusable shopping bags, water bottles, and other containers. Let's be honest – they are MUCH more stylish than the plastic versions!
- Recycling as often and as much as possible
- Using rain barrels for watering the garden
- Buying tubeless toilet paper
- Moving to paperless billing
- Repurposing household items in creative ways
- Shutting the water off while brushing teeth
- Eco-friendly gardening



"I use reusable shopping bags. If I do end up with plastic bags, I save them and bring them back to the store to recycle them. You can also recycle produce bags, even if they have a sticker on them still." (Bridget)

"My kids bring their water bottles everywhere. The only downside is we have 20 of these in the house, but still better than buying plastic!" (Mike N.)



"Tires are not biodegradable and are a terrible eye sore! We ask friends and family to save old tires for us and we use them to clean-up our shoreline at camp by using them as planters." (Kelly)



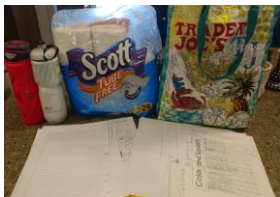
"We have rain barrels at home and camp to water our gardens. The last two summers we have been able to water without getting out the hose." (Kelly)



"I love my Dunkin – but not those Styrofoam cups!" (Kelly)



"I make sure to turn off the water when I brush my teeth. I also recently got myself a noise machine, so I no longer have a fan running at night for the 'white noise.'" (KC)



"No ugly plastic jugs sitting around in landfills – and it tastes better too!" (Kelly)



"We reuse the paper the kids bring home from school as scrap paper for lists, studying, etc. One of my favorite finds was tubeless toilet paper. Did you know that every year about 17 billion toilet paper tubes are thrown away? Yikes!" (Melissa)



"We transitioned from a patio garden to raised garden beds. We fertilize them with the vegetation we rake out of the lake at camp. Great food source, healthy and doesn't use chemicals!" (Kelly)



"Although the wine bottle is recyclable, traditional tiki lamps are not. We have repurposed wine bottles into tiki lamps for fun!" (Kelly)

"I recycle as much as I can, which is now even easier, since I have single stream recycling." (Ashley)



"I converted all of my bills to paperless billing." (Emily)