

How you can help Dobbs Ferry go Zero Waste

Simple suggestions on how YOU can help reduce waste, save energy and \$\$\$:

- ❑ Use **reusable water bottles** (All DFSD schools have water refilling stations). No more plastic water bottles!!
- ❑ For students who bring lunch, **avoid** ziplock bags, plastic wrap and tin foil when sending lunches to school. Invest in reusable snack or lunch containers. These are inexpensive containers that can be found at any online or retail store and can save you money in the long run.
- ❑ Buy **BULK** snacks instead of single use chip and snack packaging. Every wrapper and chip bag is trash and not recyclable.
- ❑ Bring your own **shopping bag(s)** when you go on an errand or food shopping! A plastic bag has an average 20 minute life span and typically ends up in a landfill or by mistake in the recycle bin. Plastic bags are NOT recycled with commingled (plastic, glass, metal) .

*If you do have plastic bags, these can be collected and recycled at Stop and Shop

- ❑ Learn what you can and cannot recycle! Take one moment to look before you go for the trash can and recycle bins. Plastic must have a triangle symbol with #1-7 in order to be recycled. All soft plastics go in the trash.
https://www.dobbsferry.com/sites/dobbsferry/files/uploads/recycling_flyer_2.pdf
- ❑ **Never** use styrofoam. It takes 500 years to forever to decompose and is one of the worst ideas humanity has ever had.
- ❑ Skip the straw. A plastic straw has a lifespan of 20 minutes or less and then becomes instant trash. These tend to end up in our oceans and harm ocean life as they are mistaken for food.
- ❑ Students are placing organic material (food waste) into compost bins as it is a valuable resource. Consider composting at home. The Town of Greenburgh has a food scrap drop off site you can easily use.
<https://greenburghnaturecenter.org/getinvolved/food-scrap-recycling/>

<http://www.greenburghny.com/Cit-e-Access/news/?TID=10&NID=45568>