

# TAKE 5 FOR THE HOLIDAYS

KEEP NORFOLK BEAUTIFUL NEWSLETTER



## 5 WAYS TO REFILL

1. **Household and Personal Care Products:**
  - Less Than Refill Shop, 803 Shirley Ave., Norfolk.
2. **Bulk Food:**
  - Organic Food Depot, 1912 Granby St., Norfolk.
  - Fresh Market, 924 W 21st St. Norfolk.
3. **Hot /Cold Beverages:**
  - Elliot's Fair Grounds Coffee Shop, 806 Baldwin Ave., Norfolk.
    - Bring your own cup and get a discount!
  - **Remember your water bottle:** Most libraries, recreation centers, and city of Norfolk buildings have bottle-filler water fountains.
4. **Groceries**, remember to bring your reusable grocery bags.
  - **The full checklist** of what to bring with you when you shop:
    - Reusable shopping and produce bags for fresh food, jars or glass containers for bulk items, and a Sharpie to mark the contents.
5. **To-Go:** BYO container to refill with leftovers.

*Every year our world creates more than 300 million tons of plastic - half of this is single-use. The worst offenders are plastic bottles, with a million of them sold every minute worldwide.*

## 5 WAYS TO REDUCE

1. **Give experience gifts like movies, theater, sports:**
  - Visit [sokindregistry.org](http://sokindregistry.org) or [simplifytheholidays.org](http://simplifytheholidays.org) for ideas.
2. **Skip bows, ribbons, or non-reusable wrapping. Try fabric, newsprint, paper bags, or new pillowcases for a gift bag.**
3. **Get the most out of your scented candles - even when burned down.**
  - Freeze candles for at least a few hours.
  - Take out and let sit for about 10 minutes.
  - Use a shishkabob, chopstick, or spoon to break the wax into small pieces.
  - Use chunks in a wax melter to enjoy the scent for even longer!
4. **Give baked goods - always a hit!**
5. **Use real plates, utensils, and cups at gatherings.**

*Pro-Tip: Dishwashers use less water than handwashing and you'll save space in the trash.*



For more information on green living, please visit [www.norfolk.gov/knb](http://www.norfolk.gov/knb) or contact [knb@norfolk.gov](mailto:knb@norfolk.gov).

# UPCOMING EVENTS



Save the date, **January 29**, for the biggest **\*FREE\*** fruit and nut tree giveaway of the year, courtesy of FONE! Join us at Lafayette Park from **10:00 AM to 1:00 PM** to pick up your tree. This event is only open to Norfolk residents.

Tree adoptions are available to Norfolk residents only.  
Learn More | [www.norfolk.gov/knb](http://www.norfolk.gov/knb)

## RECYCLING STICKERS

**\*FREE\*** magnets and full-page recycling stickers are available to Norfolk residents.

**\*FREE\*** laminated signs and full-page recycling stickers are available to Norfolk businesses and organizations.



**Request a recycling magnet, sticker, or sign be mailed to you now! Must be a Norfolk resident or business: Call 757-441-1347**

## DROP-OFF YOUR HOLIDAY SPECIAL WASTE

### **Batteries and lightbulbs**

- **SPSA Norfolk**, 3136 Woodland Ave, Norfolk.
  - Accepts rechargeable and standard batteries.
- **Batteries Plus**, 222 W 21st Street, Norfolk.
- **Home Depot**, 1261 N Military Hwy #4615, Norfolk.
- **Target**, 1245 N. Military, Norfolk.

### **Electronics**

- **Goodwill**
  - Virginia Beach: 6531 College Park Square, Virginia Beach.
  - Portsmouth: 3225 High St, Portsmouth.
- **Cell Phone batteries**
  - Check with your local cell phone vendor for battery take back.

### **Plastic grocery bags and clear plastic film**

(bin is usually located outside near entrances)

- Food Lion
- Harris Teeter
- Lowes
- ***KNB Special Waste Collection Event, April 9, 2022.***

### **Clothes Hangers**

- Check thrift stores.
- Return to the dry cleaner.

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# STAY UP-TO-DATE

## 2021 GREEN HEROES



As 2021 comes to a close, KNB extends a heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers who work to keep Norfolk litter-free, beautiful, and green! Special thanks to three outstanding **KNB Green Heroes**: Kenneth Dolbery, who collected over 9,500 lbs. of trash from Johnstons Rd. & N. Gate Dr. since May; Mary Justis, who volunteers at KNB Special Waste Collections (and keeps traffic running smoothly every time!), and Margaret Epes, a member of Team Norfolk, who manages and dedicates countless volunteer hours to the Church Street Urban Farm - investing sweat equity to a special piece of your community that will be cultivated to pollinate, feed and teach.

Thank you all! Please contact [knb@norfolk.gov](mailto:knb@norfolk.gov) or call 757-441-1347 to learn about our opportunities to help!

## 2022 VIRTUAL HOME GARDENER COURSES

### Masterclasses for Norfolk Home Gardeners

Seeking all Norfolk, VA garden enthusiasts! Join us for ten virtual classes, airing weekly on Tuesday evenings from 02/08/22 to 04/12/22. All ten hour-long classes for one price - \$25!

Feb 8 Shrubs and Small Trees for Coastal Virginia	Mar 15 How Green Is Your Lawn?
Feb 15 Celebrate Trees	Mar 22 Resilient Landscape Design
Feb 22 The Truth About Pruning: Tips and Tools	Mar 29 Good Bugs/Bad Bugs - And Why They Matter
Mar 1 Healthy Soil: It's Not Just Dirt!	Apr 5 Pollinators and Native Plants
Mar 8 Intensive Vegetable Gardening	Apr 12 Natural Pest and Disease Control

See <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/183779598727> for more details and registration or email [masterclassinfo@norfolkmastergardeners.org](mailto:masterclassinfo@norfolkmastergardeners.org)

Beginning February 8, Norfolk Master Gardeners will be offering virtual masterclasses for home gardeners! Topics range from How Green is Your Lawn to Good Bugs/Bad Bugs. To register or request more information, please e-mail [masterclassinfo@norfolkmastergardeners.org](mailto:masterclassinfo@norfolkmastergardeners.org).

**To volunteer, request a workshop, speaker or a Green Bucket litter kit, e-mail [knb@norfolk.gov](mailto:knb@norfolk.gov) or call 757-441-1347.**

Please call or e-mail in advance. Visit [our website](#) for details on how you can help Keep Norfolk Beautiful.

## RECYCLE YOUR TREE!



Holiday trees\* will be collected curbside on your regular collection day by Waste Management.

**December 28, 2021 -  
January 28, 2022**

**FREE Tree\* drop off is available at 1176 Pineridge Rd.  
Tuesday-Friday from 10am-2pm.**

\*Live trees must be free of lights, decorations, tinsel and artificial elements.



## LED LIGHTS BENEFITS

LEDs consume far less electricity than incandescent bulbs, and decorative LED light strings like Christmas tree lights are no different. Not only do LED holiday lights consume less electricity, but they also have the following advantages:

- **Safer:** LEDs are much cooler than incandescent lights, reducing the risk of combustion or burnt fingers.
- **Sturdier:** LEDs are made with epoxy lenses, not glass, and are much more resistant to breakage.
- **Longer lasting:** The same LED string could still be in use 40 holiday seasons from now, with a minimum lifespan of 50,000 hours.
- **Easier to install:** Up to 25 strings of LEDs connect end-to-end without overloading a wall socket.

# KNB BY THE NUMBERS

*Since July 1, 2021*

- **Pounds of trash (lbs) TOTAL - 46,344**
- **Adopt-A-Spot Cleanups - 146**
- **Adopt-A-Spot Volunteers - 1,717**
- **Adopt-A-Spot Volunteer Hours - 6,443**
- **Community Cleanups - 68**
- **Community Cleanup Volunteers - 517**
- **Community Cleanup Volunteer Hours - 1,250**
- **Youth Reached - 378**
- **Education Kits - 19**
- **Educational Presentations - 19**
- **Number of Special Events - 3**
- **Special Event Volunteers - 32**
- **Beautification Events - 11**
- **Beautification Volunteers - 188**
- **Pet Waste Bags - 41,600**
- **Green Bucket Brigade Volunteers - 85**