

Want to be a PEARL HOME?

Every person and every home can make a difference

Name _____
PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ STUDENT'S NAME _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

Phone Number _____
TEACHER'S NAME RM# _____

Neighborhood/Community Association _____

Free flag (yes/no) _____

Please submit your application by dropping it off, mailing it to our office
(Brock Environmental Center, 3663 Marlin Bay Dr., Virginia Beach, VA
23455), or emailing it to Office@LRNow.org.

Staff _____ Date/Event _____

- Name of Parent or Guardian & Student
- **Entire addresses including unit/apartment numbers**
(incomplete addresses will not be accepted & schools will not receive points for incomplete applications)
- School Name
- Teacher's Name & Room Number

USE current paper applications! The online applications stay updated.

Destroy & recycle any unused and old applications

Fall - 2018 Pearl School Campaign

LYNNHAVEN RIVER NOW PEARL HOME

So much of the progress we have made in restoring our waterways is a result of the great work our residents are doing to change their practices and adopt more sustainable behaviors. These PEARL HOMES are all over Virginia Beach. PEARL HOMES are places where people care about our community and our environment and want to do what they can to live responsibly and help protect our resources.

Our daily habits and decisions make a difference. Whether you have installed a rain garden or rain barrel, made a pledge to "scoop the poop" or switched to a reusable water bottle and reusable grocery bags, you are helping to bring our waterways back to life, and we would like to recognize your efforts.

It takes a community to restore and protect our waterways. We know how fortunate we are to live in this beautiful place. Water is a large part of our daily enjoyment, our recreation, our local food and our livelihoods. We all want to do our part to restore the health of all of our waterways and protect them for future generations to enjoy.

Virginia Beach residents, please fill out this application to become a PEARL HOME and help us show the community the great work you are doing.



CHECK OFF THE THINGS YOU ARE DOING THAT ARE
MAKING A DIFFERENCE...

If you are a Virginia Beach resident and you can check off 15 of these actions, you qualify as a PEARL HOME and we would like to present you with a yard flag.

- Became a member of Lynnhaven River NOW and helped support our work
- Pledge to "Scoop the Poop"
- Installed a "Scoop the Poop" sticker on my outdoor trash can
- Helped with one of LRNow's River Cleanups during the past year
- Installed Lynnhaven River storm drain markers in my neighborhood
- Grew oysters for our conservation reefs
- Display an LRNow Clean Boating sticker on my boat
- Serve on one of LRNow's Committees
- Heard an LRNow presentation at my Civic League, Garden Club, Rotary or other civic organization
- Participated in an LRNow workshop or program

- Reduced my lawn area and converted it to a planted bed
- Chose native plants for my landscape and avoided invasive species
- Did not feed ducks and geese
- Planted a tree
- Installed a rain barrel or cistern to reduce runoff from my property
- Installed a rain garden to reduce runoff, hold storm water and give it a chance to infiltrate
- Reduced my fertilizer use to be more water friendly
- Pumped out the holding tank on my boat
- Switched to marine approved cleaning products for my boat
- Installed a Buffer Garden between my lawn and the waterway or between my lawn and the street
- Composted leaves and grass clippings
- Raised the mower blades to three inches or higher to keep the lawn a little longer and healthier
- Turned off the sprinklers and irrigated less frequently, only when really needed

- Got a soil test before applying any fertilizer
- Kept the gutter area in front of my home clear of dirt, leaves and debris to prevent these from going ... into the storm water drain
- Redirected my downspout into a planted bed away from paved surfaces
- Installed pervious pavers in place of concrete or blacktop
- Created a backyard habitat for wildlife
- Switched to an electric mower or a push mower
- Line dry my laundry whenever possible
- Install a living shoreline
- Grow some of my own fruits and vegetables
- Properly dispose of cigarette butts
- Remove invasive plants and plant natives instead

- Switched from bottled water to a reusable bottle that I refill
- Buy locally made, organic food and products
- Join a Community Supported Agriculture program
- Consistently use reusable grocery bags
- Drove fewer miles, consciously eliminating unnecessary trips, used public transportation or a bicycle
- Chose a more fuel efficient vehicle
- Consistently recycle or reuse
- Installed a programmable thermostat or purchased energy efficient appliances
- Installed low-flow faucets and/or toilets
- Did an energy efficiency renovation on my home (new windows, increased insulation, new heating ... and air conditioning system, etc)
- Dispose of hazardous waste properly (batteries, paint, etc.)
- Communicated with one of my elected officials about an environmental issue
- Keep a grease can in my kitchen and reduced or eliminated my use of the garbage disposal
- Turn off lights and appliances when not in use
- Compost kitchen waste