



LYNNHAVEN RIVER NOW RESOURCE GUIDE

Need to know more... There are many sources of information on all of the things you can do to make a difference. The best place to begin is on Lynnhaven River NOW's website, www.LRNow.org. We have information available on Water Friendly Lawn Care, Landscaping for the River, Wetlands, Oyster Restoration, Scoop the Poop, Clean Boating practices, Rain Barrels, our Committees and our Educational Opportunities and Events.

IN ADDITION TO THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON THE LRNOW WEBSITE, THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES MAY BE USEFUL TO YOU:

- The Chesapeake Bay Program chesapeakebay.net
- Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay allianceforthebay.org
- Virginia Department of Forestry dof.virginia.gov
- Environmental Protection Agency epa.gov
- Virginia Native Plant Society..... vnps.org
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation..... cbf.org
- City of Virginia Beach..... vbgov.com
- Virginia Department of Environmental Quality deq.virginia.gov
- Virginia Natural Heritage Program at DCR..... dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/nativeplants.shtml
- Virginia Game and Inland Fisheries..... dgif.virginia.gov/habitat
- HR Green askhrgreen.org
- Buy Fresh, Buy Local Hampton Roads buylocalhamptonroads.org
- National Wildlife Federation, Certified Wildlife Habitat nwf.org/gardenforwildlife
- VIMS Living Shoreline Information..... ccrm.vims.edu/livingshorelines



THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP AND CONGRATULATIONS ON BECOMING A PEARL HOME!

See if there are any additional actions you can take to HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

- Pledge to “Scoop the Poop” (if you are a pet owner)
- Install a “Scoop the Poop” sticker on my black trash can
- Reduce my lawn area and convert it to a plant bed
- Choose native plants for my landscape and avoid invasive species
- Do not feed the ducks and geese
- Plant a tree
- Switch from bottled water to a reusable water bottle that I refill
- Buy local products whenever possible
- Consistently use reusable grocery bags
- Help with one of LRNow’s River Cleanups during the year
- Install Lynnhaven River storm drain markers in my neighborhood
- Install a rain barrel or cistern to reduce the runoff from my property
- Install a rain garden to reduce runoff, hold storm water and give it a chance to infiltrate
- Grow oysters for our conservation reefs
- Drive fewer miles, consciously eliminating unnecessary trips, use public transportation or a bicycle
- Choose a more fuel efficient vehicle
- Consistently recycle or reuse
- Reduce my fertilizer use to be more water friendly
- Pump out the holding tank on my boat
- Display a LRNow Clean Boating sticker on my boat
- Switch to marine approved cleaning products for my boat
- Become a member of Lynnhaven River NOW and help support our work
- Serve on one of LRNow’s Committees
- Install a Buffer Garden between my lawn and the waterway or between my lawn and the street
- Install a programmable thermostat or purchase energy efficient appliances
- Install low-flow faucets and/or toilets
- Do 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.)
- Organize an LRNow presentation at my Civic League, Garden Club, Rotary or other civic organization
- Participate in a LRNow workshop or program
- Communicate with one of my elected officials about an environmental issue
- Compost leaves, grass clippings and kitchen waste
- Raise the mower blades to three inches or higher to keep the lawn a little longer and healthier
- Turn off the sprinklers and irrigate less frequently, only when really needed
- Get a soil test before applying any fertilizer
- Keep the gutter area in front of my home clear of dirt, leaves and debris to prevent these from going into the storm water drain
- Redirect my downspout into a plant bed away from paved surfaces
- Install pervious pavers in place of concrete or blacktop
- Create a backyard habitat for wildlife
- Switch to an electric mower or a push mower
- Keep a grease can in my kitchen and reduce or eliminate my use of the garbage disposal
- Line dry my laundry whenever possible
- Install a living shoreline
- Grow some of my own fruits and vegetables
- Turn off lights and appliances when not in use
- Properly dispose of cigarette butts

