

# ANY VIRGINIA BEACH HOME CAN BE A PEARL HOME

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS APPLICATION to achieve the status of PEARL HOME

& help us show the community the great work you are doing. If you are a Virginia Beach resident & can check off at least 15 of these actions, you qualify as a PEARL HOME. To thank you for your environmentally friendly actions, LRNow would like to present you with a Pearl Home flag or magnet to proudly display in your yard or on your front door.

Check off the actions that you are currently doing or have done to make a difference.



## REDUCE WASTE

- Consistently recycle or reuse items
- Use a reusable, refillable bottle instead of single-use bottled water
- Consistently use reusable grocery bags when shopping
- Refuse plastic, disposable straws at restaurants
- Buy secondhand goods at thrift & consignment stores
- Recycle old, used electronic devices, & printer cartridges
- Participate in recycling programs in addition to municipal recycling
- Buy groceries & household items in bulk packages to reduce packaging & shipping materials
- Reuse shipping materials when sending packages
- Repurpose packaging for storage or other household uses
- Pick up litter & dispose of properly
- Do not release balloons into the environment; dispose of properly

## CONSERVE ENERGY

- Install a programmable thermostat
- Purchase energy-efficient (Energy Star) appliances
- Run only full loads of laundry
- Turn off lights & appliances when not in use
- Unplug electronics when not in use
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with LED bulbs
- Open blinds/curtains to help with heating in winter, close to help with cooling in summer
- Drive fewer miles, eliminating unnecessary trips

## PLANT FOR THE FUTURE

- Plant a tree
- Reduce lawn area by converting to planted, landscaped beds
- Get soil test results before applying fertilizer & reduce, as able
- Choose native plants for landscape
- Raise mower blades to 3-inches or higher to slow runoff & keep turf grass healthier
- Grow vegetables, herb or fruits
- Grow house plants to improve indoor air quality
- Buy locally made or grown food & products
- Buy organically grown food products
- Support restaurants & grocers that locally source food items

## TAKE ACTION

- Donate to LRNow to keep VB clean, green, & resilient
- Support LRNow by registering my Kroger Rewards
- Shopping AmazonSmile for LRNow
- Help with a LRNow monthly cleanup or another community cleanup
- Communicate with an elected official about an environmental issue
- Display a LRNow Clean Boating sticker on boat

## KEEP OUR WATERS CLEAN

- Pledge to Scoop the Poop
- Display Scoop the Poop sticker on city trash can or in building common area
- Install a BMP (rain barrel, rain garden, infiltration trench, etc.) to reduce storm water runoff from property
- Sweep fertilizer off driveway, sidewalk, & road
- Keep gutter area clear of dirt, leaves, & debris so rain doesn't transport them to the storm drain
- Wash car on lawn instead of driveway or use carwash that recycles water
- Use non-toxic, environmentally safe, biodegradable cleaning products
- Do not feed ducks & geese
- Keep a grease can in kitchen for proper disposal
- Reduce or eliminate use of garbage disposal
- Turn off water in bathroom sink while brushing teeth
- Take short showers to conserve water
- Run only full loads in dishwasher
- Install low-flow faucets/ toilets

## WHAT ELSE ARE YOU DOING?

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# Any Virginia Beach Home Can Be A 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 & adopt more sustainable behaviors. These PEARL HOMES are all over Virginia Beach. PEARL HOMES are places where people want to do what they can to live responsibly, help protect our resources, & care about our community & our environment. We all want to do our part to restore the health of our waterways & protect them for future generations to enjoy. Our daily habits & decisions make a difference. We would like to recognize your efforts in helping to bring our waterways back to life.

## WANT TO BE A PEARL HOME?

Every person and every home can make a difference. This program is free to all Virginia Beach residents.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Virginia Beach, VA Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood/Community Association: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Which would you prefer to display at your home?

- Flag  Magnet

*Garden flag comes with stand. Magnet is appropriate for metal exterior doors.*

My home is a:

- Single-Family Home  Mobile Home  
 Townhome  Tiny Home  
 Condominium  House Boat  
 Apartment  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- Own  Rent  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit your application in person or by mail to:

**Lynnhaven River NOW**  
Brock Environmental Center  
3663 Marlin Bay Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

or scan it & email it to [office@LRNow.org](mailto:office@LRNow.org)

An e-version of the application can be completed at [LRNow.org/pearl-homes/](http://LRNow.org/pearl-homes/)

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Application Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

Event or Method Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

Flag or Magnet? (Circle which was distributed)

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Restoring Virginia Beach Waters



## PEARL HOME APPLICATION

Any Virginia Beach Single Family Home, Apartment, and More Can Be A Pearl Home