



Working together for a Green Livingston

ANSWERS TO THE GREEN QUIZ

For more information on any question, consult the Green Guide to Livingston, which discusses Livingston's environmental ordinances and "best practices" in greater detail. The Green Guide is available on-line or in print at the library, the Town Clerk's office and the Hillside Community Center.

- True - Livingston has made five purchases to preserve open space.
- True - Whenever possible, replacements to the town fleet are hybrids or fuel-efficient vehicles.
- False - Use recycling containers or paper bags to recycle newspapers - never plastic bags.
- True - By shopping with reusable bags, you save an estimated 300 plastic bags annually.
- True - In 2011 an ordinance was adopted to encourage and enable residential solar and wind energy systems.
- D - Livingston residents have recycled more than 300 tons (600,000 lbs.) of electronics.
- B - Pollutants in storm water and storm drains flow directly into local streams and waterways.
- D - All of the above. The Township of Livingston achieved certification from Sustainable Jersey, is designated as a Tree City, USA and is a signatory to the Sierra Club Cool Cities pledge.
- D - None of the above. No one is exempted from state and local recycling ordinances.
- C - Unused medications should never be flushed down the drain because they can end up in waterways and drinking water.
- A - According to the Livingston tree ordinance, a permit is NOT required to remove a diseased tree or one that is within 20 feet of a house.
- A - Installing an automatic lawn sprinkler is NOT a water conservation measure - unless the sprinkler has a water sensor to determine when sprinkling is needed.
- A - Livingston's watering restrictions apply year-round.
- D - Idling is linked to negative health effects and is limited by state law to 3 minutes (fine minimum is \$250); idling for 20 seconds uses more gas than turning your engine off and on.
- C - Livingston's Environmental Resources Inventory, available online and at the library, contains detailed information on topography, soil quality, wild life, water supply, and historical places in town.
- D - A programmable thermostat saves the average homeowner about \$200 annually in heating and cooling costs.
- D - Livingston's Sustainable Land Use pledge, the Trails and Greenways Plan and a video tour of Livingston's 14 parks and trails are all available at the library and/or on-line at www.livingstonnj.org/greenteam.html.
- A - The Strategic Plan of the Livingston school system establishes sustainability as a topic about which Livingston students will be educated.
- C - Livingston's per capita usage of water is among the highest in New Jersey - not a statistic to be proud of.
- A - "Smart" lawn and garden watering entails watering deeply and less frequently, to produce a deeper, healthier root system.
- B - Waxed paper and waxed milk cartons may not be included in curbside commingled recycling of glass, plastic and metal.

