

# Sustainable Leonia

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## Welcome!

Leonia volunteers have come together to create our first issue of this free, independent source of information by and for Leonians. We are a small group of environmentally concerned Leonians dedicated to communicating the most up-to-date and accurate information possible.

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**Sustainability** means meeting our own needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. In addition to natural resources, we also need social and economic resources.

### Did you know?

#### Wet paper is not recyclable!

Did you know that on a rainy day, when our paper recycling gets wet, it is considered contaminated and cannot be recycled? Furthermore, it weighs more with the water, and costs taxpayers more to dispose of it. Best to keep your paper and cardboard at home on a rainy day!



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## To Reduce Fossil Fuel Use

Our Borough Council is considering joining other communities in preferring renewable energy (wind and solar) for Leonia.

With **Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)** a municipality buys as much renewable energy as possible in bulk from suppliers for its residents.

Residents and businesses have a **choice** and may opt out.

PSE&G remains our utility - uses and maintains the same power lines, bills customers – they simply modify the sources for the electricity.

NO COSTS to the consumers for changing to renewable energy.

Ratepayers electricity bills are almost always

lowered or stay the same while promoting a reduction in use of fossil fuels.



Review [a short presentation online](#) seen by the Mayor & Council. (13 slides) [and July 2021 update](#) with some statistics about use.

[Learn more about CCA.](#) Other [NJ towns](#) are already doing this.

See [video highlights \(7 minutes\) from the info sessions](#) here in Leonia, with Glen Rock. Key questions are answered, and **hear the moving words of one Leonia high school student.**

## ! ACTION YOU CAN TAKE !

### When purchasing food



#### **Wash your own lettuce.**

This is cheaper, cleaner, safer. (See the [CDC report](#) on leafy greens and food safety.)

**Buy loose produce.** "Fruit and veg come in their own natural wrapping. Why do we smother them in plastic?" ([The Guardian](#))

#### **Bring your own re-usable bags.**

**Prefer whole fruits, not pre-cut.** (See [Huffpost](#) for why)

**Make a complaint** about plastic at the customer helpdesk next time you shop. **Join a Community.** If you're a social media user, share pictures of over-packaged food '@' your local supermarket using the hashtags [#GoPlasticFree](#) or [#ZeroWaste](#) on Instagram or Twitter.

