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MADISON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION ECO TIP FORUM: REDUCING PLASTIC WASTE

Madison, NJ – January 31, 2020 – The Madison Environmental Commission is hosting an Eco Tip Forum to help residents easily reduce plastic waste. The forum will be held on Wednesday, February 12 at 7 pm in the Chase Room of the Madison Public Library, 39 Keep Street.

“Many of our habits are being challenged by Madison’s new recycling rules that limit plastics to #1, #2 and #5 items,” says Claire Whitcomb, Chair of the Madison Environmental Commission. “The March 1 plastic bag ban, which takes place in Madison and the Chathams, will present further challenges. Fortunately, many Madison residents have developed creative, effective ways to reduce their reliance on plastic. We decided to hold a community event so we can all learn from them—and each other.”

At the Eco Tip Forum, Jessica Griffin, a mother of four small children, will talk about packing waste-minimizing lunches; recycling; and small, easy waste reducing steps that make a big impact.

Olga Coman, an expert in essential oils, will share DIY recipes for making cleaning and beauty products—in reusable containers.

Other residents and MEC members will offer tips for plastic-free shopping, foolproof composting and sustainable gift giving.

“This forum couldn’t be timelier,” notes Maureen Byrne, Borough Council liaison to the Environmental Commission. “Madison is going through big changes because the market for recycling has contracted now that China is no longer taking US waste. Recycling used to generate revenue for the Borough, now materials that were formerly recycled add to our trash costs,” continued Byrne.

Residents are invited to bring both questions and solutions, along with any eco products they love—folding metal straws, muslin bags for holding fresh produce, beeswax wrap to replace plastic wrap and more.

Admission is free but seating is limited, so reservations are requested. RSVPs can be made on the Madison Public Library’s website, www.madisonnjlibrary.org.

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