

## What Can You Do To Help?

### ➤ Reduce, reuse, & recycle

Cut down on what you throw away. Follow these three "R's" to conserve natural resources and landfill space.

### ➤ Volunteer

Volunteer for cleanups in your community. You can get involved in protecting your watershed, too.

### ➤ Educate yourself and others

When you further your own education, you can help others understand the importance and value of our natural resources.

### ➤ Conserve water

The less water you use, the less runoff and wastewater that eventually end up in the ocean.

### ➤ Support Eco-Friendly Companies

You can shop wisely at [www.fishwatch.org](http://www.fishwatch.org)

### ➤ Use long-lasting light bulbs

Energy efficient light bulbs reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Also flip the light switch off when you leave the room!

### ➤ Plant a tree

Trees provide food and oxygen to humans and animals. They help save energy, clean the air, and help combat climate change.

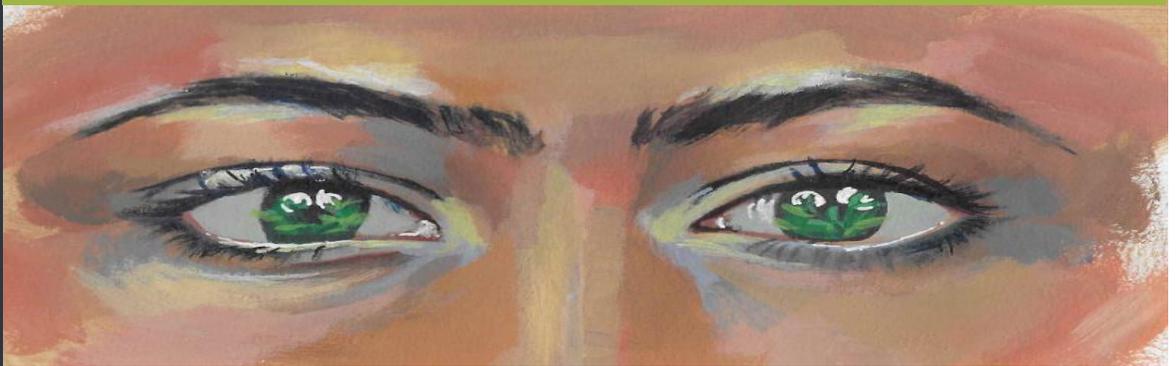
### ➤ Don't send chemicals into our waterways. Choose non-toxic products in your home and office!

### ➤ Buy less plastic and bring a reusable shopping bag.

### ➤ Bike more. Drive less.

Information taken from the following website:  
<https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/ocean/earthday.html>

# Green View



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## South Carolina Bee Keepers Association

For the past ten years, the U.S. has lost 30 percent or more of its bee hives and one in four wild bee species are risk of extinction. It is so important that we do our best to keep bees safe and alive. One way South Carolina is helping save the bees is through a non-profit organization called the "South Carolina Beekeepers Association," whose mission is to Educate and advocate for South Carolina beekeepers. This non-profit also has many programs that help beekeepers expand programs that help create thriving environments for bees, while maintaining local connections.



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## Green Roof Outfitters®

Green Roof Outfitters® is doing their part to help save the planet by designing green roofs that include

live, growing plants. This model is good for the environment and cost-efficient, while also being easy and inexpensive to install. The system provides a rainwater buffer that helps drain the roof's sewage systems. It also helps sanitizes rain and uses as clean drinking water. Their models also purifies the air around it by concentrated plants into one area on the roof that then converts CO2 into oxygen. This is an incredibly low cost, environmentally sound way to purify the air in a community! This type of roof also creates a fire-resistant layer on buildings.

## Composting at Dreher

Composting is a great way to help the environment and reduce solid waste. Composting occurs when organic matter like leaves, vegetable scraps or tea bags are placed together in a warm container and mixed frequently. Once that organic matter has broken down, the result is a compost that is naturally rich in nutrients, and can be used to enrich regular soil to and help plants grow. It can also naturally prevent pests. Adding compost to regular soil also helps balance

soil pH, while improving soil structure. When you compost your table scraps and leaves, you will save money by not having to buy fertilizers and mulch! [In the next issue, I will start my own composting at Dreher! I applied for a Conservation Education Mini-Grant from the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District to start a Dreher composting project. If approved, I will work with the school to set up a composting station in the cafeteria and will update you all each step of the way with pictures and updates.](#)

## 13 Things to Never Put in Your Compost

1. Dog and Cat Feces
2. Citrus Peels and Onions
3. Bread and Grain Products
4. Fish and Meat Products
5. Sticky Labels on Fruits
6. Dairy Products
7. Cooking Oil
8. Sawdust from Treated Wood
9. Glossy Paper
10. Personal Hygiene Products
11. Diseased Plants
12. Non-Biodegradable Products
13. Coal Ash