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Support Environmental Bond Act This November

This November, Proposition 1 will be on the backside of the statewide election ballot. Also known as the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Bond Act, the \$4 billion project would restore Long Island's shorelines and reduce flooding, and provide crucial support for New York's economy, supporting over 100,000 green jobs. If passed, it will be the first environmental bond in 26 years.

<https://brooklyn.news12.com/environmentalists-rally-to-promote-4-billion-project-to-clean-up-new-york>

Fun and Sustainable Fall Activities

The New York League of Conservation Voters has released its guide on sustainable fall activities. Some recommendations for fun and sustainable fall activities include:

When Apple Picking, twist, don't pull apples to remove them. Avoid using an apple picker, which can damage the tree, and avoid shaking and climbing apple trees.

When Pumpkin Picking, make sure that the stem is slightly dry and that the pumpkin has ripened to its full color. Make sure that the pumpkin is firm before removing it. Avoid picking pumpkins up by their stems to keep the stems from coming off, which could result in early rotting.

When making Jack-o-Lanterns, choose a pumpkin that sounds hollow when you knock on it. Clean the pumpkin seeds and bake them to avoid waste and make a fun fall snack!

<https://nylcvef.org/citizens-toolkit/fun-and-sustainable-fall-activities/>

Green Your Way Back to School!

Going back to school can be expensive and wasteful. But there are many ways to save money, reuse responsibly and reduce paper, plastic and electronic waste.

- Reuse old school supplies
- Host a school supplies swap with family, friends or neighbors
- Pack lunch with reusable containers
- Use reusable water bottles
- Use both sides of paper
- Join or start a sustainability club