Water– Wrap Up Newsletter

WRAP UP

Our Water People Power Challenge is coming to an end! Thank you for your engagement and participation in the webinar watch party, completing your own waste audit, and taking action to complete the activities for the water campaign! Stay tuned for more information on our next campaign: (INSERT CAMPAIGN [ WASTE OR ENERGY]).

**Note: If this is the final campaign for your team, include that information instead of the information on the next campaign title**

PHOTOS OF REMAINING CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS

**In this section, insert photos and captions of some of the entries you have received from members of your team.**

TAKE ACTION

This is your final chance to submit photos of your activities for points!  Send them to **[insert champion name and contact details].**

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| **Check your downspout**    | It may seem like a small thing but making sure that your downspout from your eavestrough is directed into either a rain barrel or a lawn/garden is important. Directing your downspout to a rain barrel or yard can reduce the chance of flooding and puts less stress on our stormwater infrastructure.     | Photo of your downspout being directed into a water barrel or into your lawn/garden.    |
| **Make natural home cleaning products**    | Make your own natural home cleaning products! This will help save you money and avoid the use of harsh chemicals. This helps your health and stops chemicals from going down the drain and into our waterways. Examples include using vinegar and/or baking soda to help keep your home clean.    | Photo of the natural cleaning products being used in your home.    |
| **Wash your clothing using a microfiber filter system**    | Most synthetic fabrics contain plastic.  Every time these items are washed, tiny plastic microfibers make their way into our water systems, and eventually into our lakes, rivers, and oceans.  There are now many options to help capture these microfibers and stop them from entering our waterways.  Explore which option works best for you and start using it today!    | Photo of your chosen microfiber filter.    |
| **Plant native flowers**    | A native plant is one that grew here prior to European colonization. These plants have survived for thousands of years and are well adapted to the local weather conditions, meaning they are perfectly suited to the amount of rainfall in the region. This means less supplemental watering is required, saving resources, and leaving you with more time to stop and see the black eyed Susans.    | Photo of the native plants in your garden.    |
| **Install low flow faucet aerators**    | Install a faucet aerator to reduce the amount of water being used at home.    | Photo of you installing the aerator.    |
| **Reduce single use plastics in your grocery shopping**    | Many single use plastics end up as litter, and litter ends up in our waterways.  Do your part to reduce the problem of plastic waste by choosing fruits and vegetables that are plastic free, bringing reusable grocery and produce bags, and buying items in bulk to reduce plastic packaging.    | Photo of your plastic free grocery haul.    |
| **Use leftover pasta water on your plants**    | Pasta water provides extra nutrients that can help plants grow. Next time you boil pasta, save the water, and use it in your garden! You can also save the water you use to rinse off fruits and vegetables and use that to water your plants.    | Photo of you draining your pasta water another photo of you watering your plants with it.    |
| **Conduct your own 20-minute makeover cleanup**    | Many plastic items end up in our waterways. Set aside 20 minutes and head outside with a garbage bag and protective gear to pick up litter in your local neighborhood.    | Photo of you and/or your family/neighbours collecting litter found in your neighbourhood while adhering to public health guidelines.     |
| **Create a family eco-pledge board**    | Like a sustainability board you might find at your workplace, set up an area of your home where you can display your family's commitment to leading more eco-conscious lives. Be open to the different actions individuals want to commit to and encourage dialogue and brainstorming.    | Photo of your eco-pledge board. If you would like to be in the photo, even better!    |

EXPLORING THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

In each newsletter, we will be focusing on one or more of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) and bringing you videos, articles, and news stories to help increase awareness around these critical global goals.

SDG #17: Partnerships for the Goals

Subtitle: Revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

The final goal of the UN SDGs focuses on the importance of strong global partnerships and cooperation.

Countries must make it a priority to review the progress they make towards this goal regularly, and involve civil society, businesses, and representatives from various interest groups. Advancement towards this goal requires inclusive partnerships - at the global, regional, national, and local levels - built upon a shared vision and shared goals placing people and the planet at the centre.

One of Partners in Project Green's goals is to bring like-minded organizations (like yours!) together to talk about sustainability issues and collaborate on green business initiatives that create real value. This collaborative approach between PPG’s [members](https://partnersinprojectgreen.com/community/) is critical in working towards the targets set out in this goal.

**Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0nfvKCQtfk**

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SDGS:**[**https://partnersinprojectgreen.com/sustainable-development-goals/**](https://partnersinprojectgreen.com/sustainable-development-goals/)

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

* [Watershed Reports](https://watershedreports.wwf.ca/#intro) – WWF
* [Safeguarding Canada’s Freshwater](https://environmentaldefence.ca/campaign/water/) – Environmental Defence
* [Water Stewardship 101 – The Basics](https://ceowatermandate.org/university/101-the-basics/) - UN Global Compact
* [Water Footprint Network](https://waterfootprint.org/en/)