



## Creation Care News: “Recycling Right” Follow-Up

Our February 21 Forum Hour on Recycling Right with Helen Lee, Environmental Program Manager for Recycling in the City of Alexandria, was very informative to Immanuel members and friends, staff, and others who use our facilities. Ms. Lee’s presentation explained why recycling has become so complicated, why it has changed over the recent years, and where it goes after leaving the sorting facility. For a quick reminder about acceptable materials for recycling in Alexandria City, please see this

link: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/tes/solidwaste/info/RecyclingYesNoList.pdf>.

Here are some additional links Ms. Lee promised to share with our parish community. Alexandria is unique in that it has a three-tier program offering suggestions for reducing our potential trash, reusing or repurposing things no longer useful to us but still usable, and then recycling.

City Resource Recovery Website

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/ResourceRecovery>

Recycling Sorting Game

<http://alexandriava.recycle.game/>

Reduce / Reuse Directory

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/tes/solidwaste/info/default.aspx?id=19202>

Plastic Bag Graphics and Resources

<https://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/recycling-bags-and-wraps/plastic-film-education-individuals/>

Other Reduce & Reuse Resources:

### Reduce Food Waste

Prevent food waste with tips for shopping wisely, using the food you have, and keeping food fresh longer. Check out [Save the Food](#)'s website for tools such as an interactive [dinner party calculator](#), a digital tool to help you create your next shopping list to [meal prep](#), an interactive [storage guide](#), and more.

### Stop Junk Mail

Residents can stop credit card solicitations and other types of unwanted mail through various outlets. Check out this website to learn how to [stop the junk mail](#).

### Builders Recycling Guide

Visit the [Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Builders Recycling Guide](#) to search for companies that recycle construction and demolition materials in the DC Metro area.

**Ideas for Simplifying the Holidays**

Looking for ideas to simplifying the holidays? Check out this [Guide](#) put together by New Dream based in Charlottesville, VA.

**UpCycle Creative Reuse Center**

Consider donating reusable items that can be used for arts & crafts and learning purposes. UpCycle CRC offers a place to combine imagination with everyday stuff to transform the mundane into something unique and special. For more information visit [www.upcyclecrc.org](http://www.upcyclecrc.org)