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Dear Jan,

Earth Day is Every Day

Reflecting and contemplating on our planet's condition is all well and good, but making those important behavioral changes and then putting them into action to minimize our human footprint and actually restore our Earth is the key to making a difference.

The urgency has been upon us for some time now and most know what can be done individually and collectively. Refusing to use plastics and toxic chemicals, supporting natural resources protection organizations and decision makers who want to mitigate resource depletion and destruction, and consuming more plant-based foods is a small list of what each of us can easily accomplish.

I'm heartened by the recent news that a compostable liquid container is being developed with funding from some of the world's largest plastic bottle marketers. There is hope, hope is good but action is what is required.

So, on Earth Day and every day, please take time to identify positive actions you can take every day to make a difference. Be bold, install a rainwater capture system for home needs, plant a veggie garden or reduce carbon fuel use. You can do it!

Share your thoughts and successes with KSB to motivate others. Make a difference, as they say.

**Earth Day Resolutions like New Year's Resolutions ---
plan to keep them and keep the plan.**

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Keeping the Village Beautiful By Bill Pumphrey

As we begin another weed control season, Keep Sedona Beautiful asks the community to consider using alternatives to the popular, commercially available chemical herbicides used for decades. Information grows every day that some of these products may not just destroy weeds, but can also have long-term negative effects on the environment, including on human health.

First, of course, start by digging out all the weeds you can. Those clever long-handled weed diggers work just fine. When you encounter many small weeds, or a colony growth of weeds, pulling the weeds may not be practical.

The internet has a wealth of information on non-toxic weed control alternatives that you can apply, ranging from using boiling water, to mixing your own eco-friendly spray. The website treehugger.com discusses six different methods, as does another called goodgrow.uk. A Google search for "non-toxic weed control" will give you a multitude of options, including a range of commercial products that you can try.

Please note that KSB does not warrant product satisfaction or have any role in prescribing use and safe methods for handling weed control products. You should always follow all safety precautions. Further, KSB does not benefit from the sale of any product. However, the Planet will benefit!

KSB strongly encourages you to perform your own evaluation of eco-friendly alternatives to potentially highly toxic commercial herbicides and pesticides.



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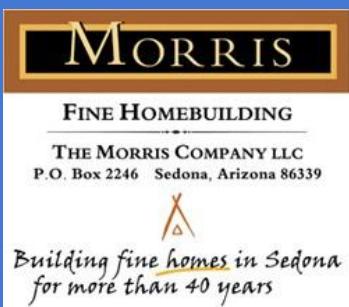
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Our local nonprofit recycling center, Sedona Recycles, is doing everything possible to keep recyclable materials out of the landfills - even at unsustainable losses - because that is how much value they place on their role in Sedona's environment. Because they care, Sedona Recycles estimates that it has a 98% recovery rate - vastly different from "single stream recyclers" that cannot even come close to that!

What can we do? Successful recycling means sorting! Please consider reading <https://www.nationalgeographic.com.au/nature/5-recycling-myths-busted.aspx#>

To learn more about Sedona Recycles, please visit <http://www.sedonarecycles.org>.

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