



Reduce Waste Wednesdays Tip

Earth Day – April 22nd – with Bonus Tip

Refuse Straws and Shop at Farmers Markets

No doubt it can be difficult to reduce waste if we have to remember our reusable bags or try to reduce our single-use plastic when it is all around us. However, there are some small and simple steps residents can take to Refuse Straws and reduce waste and items with plastic by shopping at Farmers Markets.

Refuse Straws

- Refusing straws when at a restaurant, or other places with straws, is an easy way to cut back on this single-use plastic item
- By refusing straws – there is less potential for the straw to become litter and end up in our waterways (straws are a common item found in cleanups)

Tips on Refusing Straws

- Straws are often served with all beverages - let the server know when ordering your beverage **not** to bring a straw
- Try beverages without a straw if straws are available with takeout orders
- See if your favorite eatery will try a “Straws are available upon request” option and put the straws behind a counter for servers to provide customers when they request one



Shop at Farmers Markets – Bonus Tip!

- With the Morgantown Farmers Market - Outdoor 2026 Summer Markets starting Saturday, April 25th and Wednesday, April 29th, it is an exciting time to remind residents that shopping at Farmers Markets is an excellent option to shop for items with little to no plastic wrapping and reduce waste.

Tips to Reduce Waste and Plastic When Shopping at the Farmers Markets

- Take your reusable bags and boxes
- See if the beverage vendors will let you use your reusable mug or cup
- Talk to vendors about ideas to help reduce their waste for them and for you as a customer (this will help cut costs for the vendor and likely for you too!)
- Check out the idea “Boomerang Bags” *, like library books, boomerang bags are made available, in case you forget your bag, and returned to be used by another customer (great idea for a volunteer group to create or provide bags!) *Resource from *Plastic Free The inspiring story of a global environmental movement and why it matters*: It’s all about the sharing pg. 143, Prince-Ruiz, Rebecca (Plastic Free Foundation) and Finn, Joanna A.



The Morgantown Farmers Market Growers Association vendors provide fresh, local food and farm products year-round. See details below.

2026 Summer Markets:



Morgantown Farmers Market
GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Saturday Downtown Market

Summer Outdoor Season –
Saturday Downtown Market

Dates: April 25 - November 14, 2026
Days: Saturdays
Times: 8:30 a.m. to noon
Location: (see map below)
Morgantown Market Place Pavilion
400 Spruce Street
Morgantown

Every Saturday Morning
Apr. 25 through Nov. 14!



Morgantown Farmers Market
GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Wednesday Mylan Park Market

Summer Outdoor Season –
Wednesday Mylan Park Market

Dates: April 29 - October 28, 2026
Days: Wednesdays
Times: 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Location: (see map below)
Monongalia County Center
270 Mylan Park Lane
Morgantown

Every Wednesday Evening
Apr. 29 through Oct. 28!

