Greenworks on the Ground

















HEALTHY OUTDOOR AND INDOOR AIR

All Philadelphians breathe healthy air inside and outside

Greenworks is the city's sustainability plan to improve quality of life for all Philadelphians. We've developed guides to show individuals, communities, and institutions how they can help make the Greenworks visions a reality. All of the guides are available at www.phila.gov/green or by calling 215-686-3495.

What Institutions Can Do

OUTDOOR AIR

- ☐ Alert people to poor air quality: Share information about Air Quality Index days with your employees, students, or congregants and encourage them to take steps to protect their health. Monitoring and resources are available at:
 - www.phila.gov/aqi
 - · Receive an email when an Air Quality Action Day is declared by signing up at:
 - http://delawarevalley.enviroflash.info/signup.cfm
- ☐ Encourage public transit usage: Offer pre-tax purchase of transportation passes to incentivize your employees or students to take public transportation.
- ☐ Get greenery: Plant trees on your property and indoors to filter airborne pollutants.
- ☐ Green your lawn equipment: Ensure your institution's land care practices require efficient lawn care equipment such as mowers and trimmers.
- ☐ Run a clean fleet: If you maintain a vehicle fleet, use cleaner vehicles such as hybrids or electric vehicles and ensure drivers comply with anti-idling laws.

INDOOR AIR

- ☐ Encourage action at home: Educate residents about actions they can take to create a healthy indoor environment in their homes, such as:
 - · Prohibiting smoking in their homes.
 - · Reducing dust mites and pet dander by removing old bedding, carpets or furniture and vacuuming and cleaning
 - Limiting contact with mold by cleaning and ventilating attics and basements, using a dehumidifier, and repairing leaks.
 - Keep insects and rodents—and the pesticides used to kill them—out of your home by keeping food tightly sealed and all surfaces clean.
 - Check out CHOP's Asthma Program tips for more ideas:
 - http://tiny.cc/AsthmaCHOP
- ☐ IPM and Green Cleaning: Use integrated pest management practices and green cleaning products to create a healthier indoor environment.
- ☐ Learn more: Find more tips for your spaces in this EPA guide: http://tiny.cc/EPAOccupantGuide
- ☐ Maintain heating system: Make sure your chimney, furnace, clothes dryer and water heater are venting properly.





