



## VISION 01

### ACCESSIBLE FOOD AND DRINKING WATER

All Philadelphians have access to healthy, affordable, and sustainable food and drinking water




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## What Individuals Can Do

### FOOD

- ☐ **Grow your own food:** Start or join a community garden.
  - Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Garden Tenders:  
 <http://phsonline.org/programs/garden-tenders>
  - Vacant Land 215 Toolkit:  
 <http://tiny.cc/VacantLand215>
- ☐ **Learn about healthy eating:** Take advantage of local, sustainable food to improve your own health and the health of the environment.
  - PennState Extension Nutrition Resources:  
 <http://tiny.cc/PSUnutrition>
- ☐ **Reduce food waste:** Use all the food you buy, and compost your scraps.  
 <https://www.refed.com>
- ☐ **Support local, sustainable, and fair food:** Shop at farmer's markets, join a food co-op, or sign up for a community-supported agriculture program.
  - Co-ops in Philadelphia area:  
 <https://philadelphia.coop/phillycoops/>
  - Farmers market list:  
 <http://tiny.cc/PhillyMarkets>

### WATER

- ☐ **Drink tap water:** Carry a reusable water bottle and drink Philadelphia's high quality tap water.
- ☐ **Maintain your water infrastructure:** Make sure your plumbing and lateral, which connects your house to the water main, are in good, safe condition to ensure drinking water quality.
  - Homeowners' Emergency Loan Program  
 <http://tiny.cc/PWDHelp>  
 215-685-4901
- ☐ **Protect our waterways:** Keep litter, oils, medicine, and other hazardous materials out of sinks and storm drains to protect our waterways that provide our drinking water.
- ☐ **Read the Philadelphia Water Department's water quality report:** Learn more about what's in your water.  
 <http://tiny.cc/PWDQuality>



Find locations and hours of operations for farmers markets, senior meals, food pantries, and other resources through the

**PHILLY FOOD FINDER** ([www.phillyfoodfinder.org](http://www.phillyfoodfinder.org)) or by calling the Coalition Against Hunger SNAP Hotline (215-430-0556). Do you see a resource that's missing? You can add it on the Philly Food Finder website.





## VISION 02




### HEALTHY OUTDOOR AND INDOOR AIR

All Philadelphians breathe healthy air inside and outside

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## What Individuals Can Do

### OUTDOOR AIR

- ☐ **Consider air quality when driving:** You can help improve Philadelphia's air by walking, biking, or taking transit to your destination, by maintaining your car and limiting idling, and by considering vehicle emissions when purchasing a new car.
- ☐ **Green your lawn equipment:** Use clean, efficient lawn care equipment such as mowers and trimmers.
- ☐ **Monitor air quality alerts:** Keep track of Philadelphia's daily air quality and protect your health during these events. Monitoring and resources are available at:
  -  [www.phila.gov/aqi](http://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>
- ☐ **Report air quality concerns:** Alert Air Management Services to issues such as idling, dust, or unusual odor.
  -  215-685-7580 (business hours) or 215-686-4516 (all other times)

### INDOOR AIR

- ☐ **Add houseplants:** Houseplants can help filter harmful indoor air pollutants.
- ☐ **Avoid pests and insects:** Keep insects and rodents out of your home by keeping food tightly sealed and all surfaces clean. Use Integrated Pest Management, a healthier alternative to pesticides, to handle infestations.
- ☐ **Change air filters:** Change filters on your furnace, air conditioner, or air purifiers every few months.

- ☐ **Know what to do about lead paint:** Protect your family from lead exposure in your home.
  - Lead dust sampling technicians
    -  <http://tiny.cc/DustSampling>
  - Lead abatement contractors
    -  <http://tiny.cc/LeadAbatement>
  - Tips to avoid lead exposure at home
    -  <http://tiny.cc/LeadTips>
- ☐ **Learn more:** Check out CHOP's Asthma Program tips for more ideas:
  -  <http://tiny.cc/AsthmaCHOP>
- ☐ **Limit contact with mold:** Clean and ventilate attics and basements, use a dehumidifier, and repair leaks that can contribute to mold.
- ☐ **Maintain heating system:** Make sure your chimney, furnace, clothes dryer and water heater are venting properly and ensure you have a functioning carbon monoxide detector in your home.
- ☐ **No smoking:** Prohibit smoking in your home.
- ☐ **Reduce dust mites and pet dander:** Remove old bedding, carpets or furniture and vacuum and clean often to eliminate dust and pet dander.
- ☐ **Reduce use of toxics:** Use green cleaning products, such as baking soda and vinegar, and reduce the use of other toxics inside the home.

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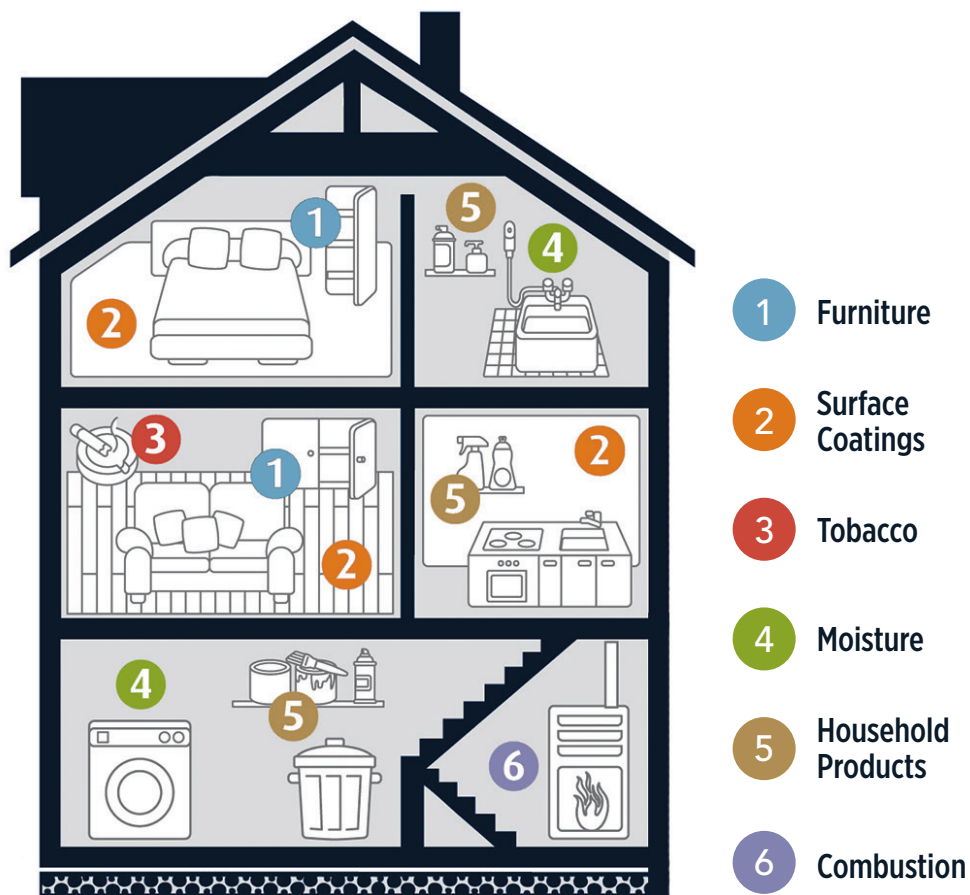
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## Individuals

### SOURCES OF INDOOR AIR POLLUTION

Understanding and controlling common household pollutants can help improve your indoor air and reduce health risks.



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## VISION 03








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## What Individuals Can Do

- ❑ **Conduct a home energy audit:** A professional energy auditor can identify ways to make your house more efficient, such as adding insulation. They may provide the contractor and even financing to complete the work.
  - Energy audits are available through PECO and PGW or directly with businesses. You can contact the Delaware Valley Green Building Council for assistance in identifying a contractor.
    -  [www.dvgbc.org](http://www.dvgbc.org)
    -  215-399-5790
- ❑ **Consider energy when renting or buying a home:** Ask about a home's energy efficiency and factor those costs into your renting or buying decision.
  - If you live in a condo, consider joining the Green Condo and Co-op Initiative.
    -  <https://sites.google.com/site/greencondocoop/home>
- ❑ **Explore rooftop solar:** Your home may be able to host solar panels, allowing you direct access to clean energy.
- ❑ **Switch electricity providers:** You have options in choosing who supplies your electricity, and you can choose a provider that provides up to 100% renewable energy. Visit [www.PAPowerSwitch.com](http://www.PAPowerSwitch.com) to learn more.
- ❑ **Take advantage of energy conservation programs:** Both of Philadelphia's energy utilities offer programs to help you save money on energy at home.
  - **PECO Smart Ideas Rebates**
    -  <https://peco.myrebateportal.com>
    -  888-573-2672
  - **PGW Energysense**
    -  [www.pgwennergysense.com/forthehomeowner.html](http://www.pgwennergysense.com/forthehomeowner.html)
    -  855-749-7658

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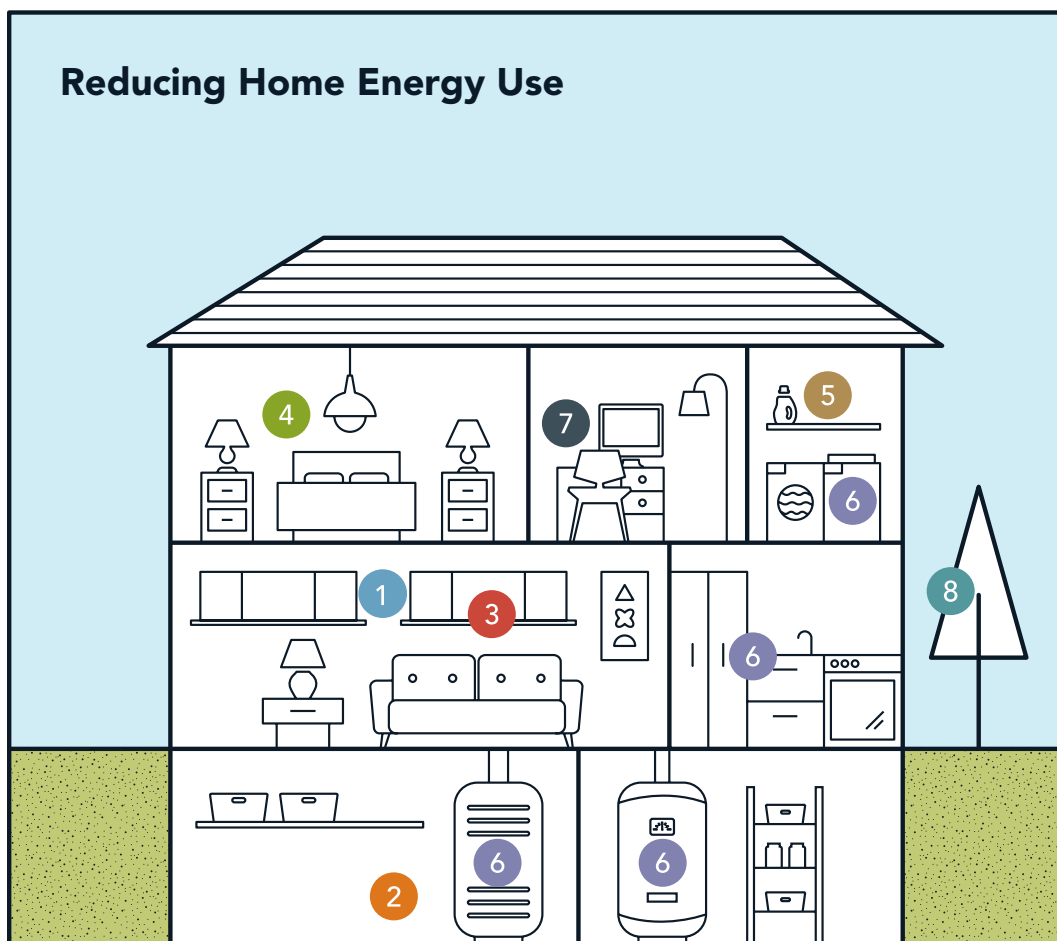
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## Individuals

### Reducing Home Energy Use



- 1 Buy a **programmable thermostat** to reduce energy usage when you're away from home.
- 2 **Clean air filters** and **recharge coolant** to improve the efficiency of air conditioning.
- 3 Keep your **windows sealed** in the winter.
- 4 Use high-efficiency **ENERGY STAR**-labeled lightbulbs.
- 5 Wash your clothes in **cold water** and consider air-drying clothes on racks.
- 6 Check for **ENERGY STAR** label when replacing appliances and fixtures.
- 7 User **power management** features to improve efficiency of electronic devices and unplug any devices not in use.
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## VISION 04




### CLIMATE PREPARED AND CARBON NEUTRAL COMMUNITIES

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## What Individuals Can Do

### CLIMATE PREPARED

- ☐ **Prepare for extreme weather:** Make sure you have an emergency plan, and check on elderly or vulnerable neighbors during extreme weather.
- ☐ **Protect your basement from flooding:** Take part in the Philadelphia Water Department's Basement Protection Program (BPP).
  -  <http://tiny.cc/BasementBackup>
  -  215-685-6300
- ☐ **Understand how the City of Philadelphia is preparing:** Read the city's first climate adaptation report, *Growing Stronger*.
  -  [tiny.cc/GrowingStrongerPHL](http://tiny.cc/GrowingStrongerPHL)

### CARBON NEUTRAL

- ☐ **Choose low or no carbon transportation:** You can reduce your carbon footprint by walking, biking, or taking public transit to your destination.
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- ☐ **Explore rooftop solar:** You may be able to install solar panels, giving you direct access to clean energy.
- ☐ **Switch electricity providers:** You can choose your electricity supplier, and some provide up to 100% renewable energy.
  -  [www.PAPowerSwitch.com](http://www.PAPowerSwitch.com)
- ☐ **Take advantage of energy conservation programs:** Both of Philadelphia's energy utilities offer programs to help you save money on energy at home.
  - PECO Smart Ideas Rebates
    -  <https://peco.myrebateportal.com/>
    -  888-573-2672
  - PGW Energysense
    -  [www.pgwennergysense.com/forthehomeowner.html](http://www.pgwennergysense.com/forthehomeowner.html)
    -  855-749-7658

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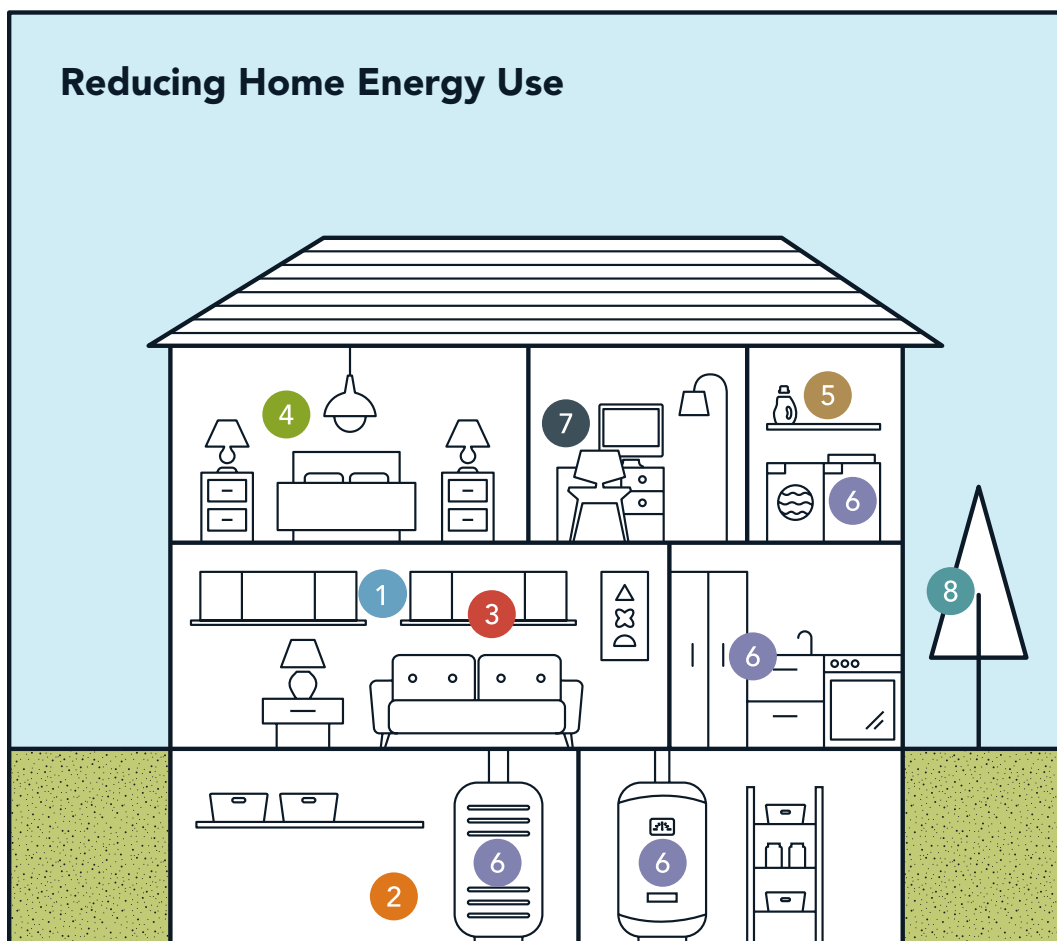
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## QUALITY NATURAL RESOURCES




Philadelphians benefit from parks, trees, stormwater management, and healthy waterways


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## What Individuals Can Do

### PARKS TREES WATER

☐ **Get a tree:** Get a free yard or street tree through TreePhilly.   
 <http://treephilly.org/>

☐ **Keep it clean:** Clean up after yourself and your pets when outdoors.   


☐ **Love your park:** Volunteer with a "friends of" park group in your community. 

- "Friends of" groups List:

 <http://tiny.cc/FriendsGroupsPHL>


- Toolkit for starting and maintaining a "friends of" group:

 <http://tiny.cc/FriendsGroupToolkit>

☐ **Maintain your tree:** Join or organize a Tree Tenders group in your community. 

 <http://phsonline.org/programs/tree-tenders>

 215-988-1698


☐ **Manage stormwater:** Reducing stormwater runoff will help keep our rivers and streams clean. 




- Avoid showering or running your dishwasher or washing machine during rain storms to prevent sewer overflows.




- Sign up for Philadelphia Water Department's Rain Check program to get a free or discounted help managing stormwater and beautifying your home.

 <http://tiny.cc/RainCheck>

 215-988-1698

☐ **Spend time in nature:** You can benefit mentally and physically by spending time outside.   

☐ **Support habitat:** Build habitats to support monarch butterflies, bees, birds, and other wildlife.   

☐ **Visit education centers:** Philadelphia has a variety of environmental education centers that teach about our natural assets.   



### TreePhilly

TreePhilly offers free street and yard trees to Philadelphia residents. Want a tree of your own? Visit [treephilly.org/free-trees](http://treephilly.org/free-trees) or call 215-683-0217 to learn more.





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## ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE, AND SAFE TRANSPORTATION

All Philadelphians have access to safe, affordable, and low-carbon transportation

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## What Individuals Can Do

- ☐ **Choose low or no carbon transportation:** Whenever possible choose options like walking, biking, or public transit.
- ☐ **Enroll in the SEPTA Key program:** Sign up for the SEPTA's new electronic fare system, Septa Key.  
 [www.septa.com/key/index.html](http://www.septa.com/key/index.html)
- ☐ **Maintain your property's sidewalks:** Property owners are required to maintain safe and accessible sidewalks.
- ☐ **Participate in Bike to Work or Run to Work events:** Celebrate sustainable commuting by becoming involved in biking or running to work days.
- ☐ **Report unsafe road or sidewalk conditions:** Submit issues such as potholes, unsafe roads, and hazardous sidewalk conditions.  
 [www.phila.gov/311](http://www.phila.gov/311)  
 dial 311
- ☐ **Report vehicle idling:** Support the City's anti-idling efforts by reporting incidents to Air Management Services.  
 [www.IdleFreePhilly.org](http://www.IdleFreePhilly.org)  
 dial 311
- ☐ **Share the road:** Understand the rules and responsibilities of cyclists and motorists by reviewing Philadelphia's bicycling laws.  
 <http://tiny.cc/PhillyBikeLaws>
- ☐ **Take advantage of pre-tax transit benefits:** Inquire about whether your employer allows you to designate a portion of your pretax income to pay for qualified transit.
- ☐ **Use car or ride sharing options:** Organize a carpool or use ride sharing services when traveling by car.



**Join**  
Buy a pass



**Get a bike**  
From any station



**Go for a ride**  
Anywhere you want



**Give it back**  
At any station

### INDEGO BIKE SHARE

Sign up for the City's bike sharing program, **Indego**, which provides self-service bikes at more than 100 stations: [www.rideindego.com](http://www.rideindego.com), 844-446-3346.



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## ZERO WASTE

All Philadelphians waste less and keep our neighborhoods clean

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## What Individuals Can Do

### TRASH AND RECYCLING

- ❑ **Compost food and yard waste:** Compost your food scraps and yard waste or use a local composting service.
- ❑ **Choose reusable:** Instead of single-use bags, cups, or food storage, opt for reusable containers.
- ❑ **Learn how to dispose of hard-to-recycle items:** Use Earth 911's guide if you're unsure about how to recycle specific items.  
 <http://earth911.com/recycling-center-search-guides>
- ❑ **Recycle right:** Learn what belongs in your recycling bin.  
 [www.philadelphiastreet.com/recycling/how-to-recycle](http://www.philadelphiastreet.com/recycling/how-to-recycle)
- ❑ **Set out trash in a hard sided container with a lid:** Help prevent litter by placing your trash out securely.
- ❑ **Use the City's Sanitation Convenience Centers:** Drop off items such as tires, appliances, e-waste, mattresses, or yard waste.  
 <http://tiny.cc/ConvenienceCenters>

### GET INVOLVED

- ❑ **Become a Waste Watcher:** Help divert waste at large events through the City's Waste Watchers program.  
 [www.phila.gov/green](http://www.phila.gov/green)
- ❑ **Create a community where litter is unacceptable:**
  - Report illegal dumping or other sanitation code violations.  
 [www.philadelphiastreet.com/helpful-links/report-a-problem](http://www.philadelphiastreet.com/helpful-links/report-a-problem)  
 215-686-8686
  - Set an example for others, especially co-workers, friends, and children by using receptacles and not littering.  
 <http://keepphiladelphiabeautiful.org/litter-prevention>
- ❑ **Keep storm drains clean:** Remove litter from storm drains to prevent clogging and flooding.
- ❑ **Sign up to be a block captain:** Help keep your neighborhood clean by organizing and electing a block captain through the Philadelphia More Beautiful Committee.  
 [www.philadelphiastreet.com/pmbc/block-captain](http://www.philadelphiastreet.com/pmbc/block-captain)



### PARTICIPATE IN RECYCLING REWARDS

Sign up to earn and redeem rewards for recycling at [www.philadelphiastreet.com/recycling-rewards](http://www.philadelphiastreet.com/recycling-rewards) or by calling 888-727-2978.



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ENGAGED STUDENTS, STEWARDS, AND WORKERS

All Philadelphians benefit from sustainability education, employment, and business opportunities



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## What Individuals Can Do

### BE A SUSTAINABILITY STEWARD

- ☐ **Get a tree:** Get a free yard or street tree through TreePhilly.  
 <http://treephilly.org>
- ☐ **Participate in neighborhood groups:** Join your local civic association or Registered Community Organization (RCO).  
 <http://tiny.cc/ListofRCOs>
- ☐ **Sign up for Philadelphia Water Department's Rain Check program:** Get free or discounted help managing stormwater and beautifying your home.  
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- ☐ **Sign up to be a block captain:** Help keep your neighborhood clean by organizing and electing a block captain.  
 [www.philadelphiastreet.com/pmbc/block-captain](http://www.philadelphiastreet.com/pmbc/block-captain)
- ☐ **Support local, sustainable businesses.**
- ☐ **Volunteer to make Philadelphia more sustainable.**
  - Help your local public school implement GreenFutures, the School District of Philadelphia's sustainability plan.
  - Join a "friends of" park group:  
 <http://tiny.cc/FriendsGroupsPHL>
  - Join or organize a Tree Tenders group in your community:  
 <http://phsonline.org/programs/tree-tenders>  
 215-988-1698
  - Participate in Philly Spring Cleanup and Love Your Park volunteer days.
  - Sign up to become a Waste Watcher at a public event.  
 <http://serve.phila.gov/>

### BE A SUSTAINABILITY STUDENT

- ☐ **Attend sustainability events:** Check the Office of Sustainability's calendar to find your next event.  
 [www.phila.gov/green](http://www.phila.gov/green)
- ☐ **Follow and share Greenworks news on social media:**  
 Twitter: @GreenworksPhila  
 Facebook: [www.facebook.com/greenworksphila/](http://www.facebook.com/greenworksphila/)
- ☐ **Visit education centers:** Philadelphia has a variety of environmental education centers that teach about our natural assets.

### BE A SUSTAINABILITY WORKER

- ☐ **Champion sustainability at work:** Conserve and recycle in your workplace, and encourage your employer to adopt sustainable practices.
- ☐ **Look for job opportunities in the sustainability field:**
  - Job openings with the City of Philadelphia:  
 [www.phila.gov/personnel/jobopps.html](http://www.phila.gov/personnel/jobopps.html)
  - Job openings with SEPTA:  
 <http://autohire.careershop.com/septajobs/>
  - Jobs, internships, and organizations in the sustainability field:  
 [www.idealists.org](http://www.idealists.org)
- ☐ **Choose a low or no carbon commute:** Whenever possible choose options like walking, biking, or public transit when traveling to work.



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