











Suggested Projects & Resources for Neighborhoods



These are just suggestions, feel free to improvise.

Sustainable Neighborhood Network, org/Denver



GOAL: Reduce emissions generated in the neighborhood and improve both outdoor and indoor air quality.

TARGET AREAS

- Outdoor Emissions
- Indoor Air Quality
- Trees and Vegetation
- Carbon Footprint Reduction

Suggested Initiatives & Projects

Emissions Reduction

- Educate Neighbors About Anti-Idling: Reduce emissions from idling vehicles at EnginesOff.com
- Vehicle Maintenance Education: Learn to improve efficiency and reduce emissions
- **Bike to Work:** Commit residents to ride instead of drive on a weekly or bi-weekly basis
- Develop a Carpool Network: WayToGo.org
- Alternative Transportation Map & Guide:
 Develop a resource for existing and new residents in the neighborhood
- Walking/Biking Audit:

 Identify barriers to
 walking and bicycling in
 the neighborhood.

 WALKscope.org
- Fireplace Replacement:
 Reduce the number of wood-burning fireplaces

Landscaping

 Shade Tree Planting: Plant yard and street trees to reduce solar gain and improve air quality. Denver Digs Trees program: TheParkPeople.org

Carbon Offsets

- Household Carbon Footprint Reduction: Set goals for neighborhood-wide reductions in carbon emissions
- Purchase Energy from Wind: Sign up for Windsource with Xcel Energy

Residential Air Quality

- In-home Air Quality: Learn about sources of indoor air pollution
- Carbon Monoxide: Install sensors in neighborhood homes
- Radon: Test homes for high levels of radon. Go to: ColoradoRadon.info





Goal: Encourage stewardship and conservation of ecosystems and resources.

Target Areas

- Sustainable Landscapes
- Wildlife & Habitat Enhancement
- Chemical Pollution
- Recycling & Waste Reduction

Suggested Initiatives & Projects

Sustainable Landscapes

- Native Plants: Encourage the use of native plants to provide food and habitat for area species
- Create a Vegetable Garden: Promote residential food production
- **Soil Amendment:** Amend soils during landscape and garden projects to increase water nutrients and water absorption

Wildlife & Habitat Protection

- Noxious Weed Removal: Prevent the planting and spread of noxious weeds in the neighborhood
- Neighborhood Diversity: Inventory various species in the neighborhood in order to track changes
- Neighborhood Bird/Wildlife
 List: Keep a list of species
 that live in or pass through
 the neighborhood
- Habitat Trees: Identify older neighborhood trees that provide important habitat
- Living with Wildlife: Learn

how to reduce conflicts with coyotes, skunks, foxes and other wildlife

Chemical Pollution

- Household Hazardous Waste: Distribute information to neighbors about the City's Hazardous Waste collection program. Call 311 for more info.
- Electronic Recycling: Share information with neighbors on free and low-cost options for recycling old TV's, computers and electronics.
 Call 311 for more info.
- **Green Purchasing Guide:** Create a guide to purchasing environmentally friendly household cleaners and other products

Recycling & Waste Reduction

- Residential Recycling: Encourage residents to sign up for the City's FREE home recycling service.
 Call 311 for more info.
- Composting: Share information with neighbors on FREE "Learn to Compost" classes and fee-based home compost services. Call 311 for more info.

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DENVER ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



Goal: Promote energy efficiency in the neighborhood and encourage the use of renewable energy sources.

Target Areas

- Residential Energy Conservation
- Commercial Energy Conservation
- Renewable Energy Sources
- Green Building

Suggested Initiatives & Projects

Energy Conservation

- Encourage neighbors to make their homes energy efficient with the Denver Energy Challenge: <u>DenverEnergy.org</u> or 720-865-5520
- Encourage local businesses to go green with Certifiably Green Denver: <u>Denvergov.org/CGD</u> or 720-865-5457
- Educate neighbors about the proper way to recycle CFL bulbs.

<u>Denvergov.org/DenverRecycles</u>

- Christmas Light Trade-in: Replace old lights with energy efficient LED lights
- **Light Impact Assessment:** Reduce the amount of light needed to illuminate your property
- Weather-stripping: Reduce leaks around windows and doors to reduce energy use in the summer and winter

Renewable Energy

- **Solar Installation Incentives:** Examine opportunities for going solar at home
- Purchase Energy from Wind: Sign-up for Windsource with Xcel Energy
- Community Solar: Learn about community solar gardens and examine opportunities for your home

Green Building

- **US Green Build:** Learn the principles of "green building" and get assistance for new projects
- **Green Roofs:** Learn how green roofs reduce energy use and improve water quality
- White Roofs: Promote roof colors that save you energy







Goal: Conserve water resources and improve water quality.

Target Areas

- Water Conservation
- Stormwater Management
- Stream/Gulch Protection

Suggested Initiatives & Projects

Water Conservation

- Host Workshops to Help Reduce Landscape
 Water Use: Waterwise plants & xeriscaping
 DenverWater.org/Conservation/Xeriscape
- Turf Conversion: Convert irrigated areas to waterwise landscapes
- Irrigation System Audits: Minimize the time and amount of water used by residents to irrigate
- Adopt Rain Sensors: Encourage the installation of rain sensors to prevent watering during rainy weather
- Leaky Faucet Repair Squad: Help neighbors fix plumbing leaks
- Home Water Audits: Identify inefficiencies in household water use by getting a free audit: <u>DenverWater.org</u>
- Install Water Efficient
 Appliances: Reduce water use and take advantage of numerous rebates available from
 DenverWater.org

Stormwater Management

- Porous Surfaces: Identify areas where porous pavement may improve drainage and water quality
- Rain Gardens: Learn how to reduce runoff by creating small wetland gardens
- **Green Roofs:** Identify buildings that might be suitable for a green roof project

Stream/Gulch Protection

- Stream Bank Projects: Protect vegetation and prevent erosion around neighborhood waterways
- Adopt-a-Gulch: Commit to regular clean-up days of local waterways
- **Protect Storm Drains:** Ask <u>Public Works</u> for signs and pet waste bags to educate neighbors about storm drain protection
 - Hold a Fertilizer & Pesticide
 Reduction Campaign: Educate on the impacts of chemicals on water quality





Goal: Enhance the social vitality of the neighborhood by encouraging community interaction, partnerships, and outreach programs.

Target Areas

- Health & Wellness
- Community Outreach
- Youth Programs
- Neighborhood Heritage
- Local Economy & Green Purchasing

Suggested Initiatives & Projects

Health & Wellness

- Host Healthy Living Workshops: Cover topics like active living and nutrition
- Walkability Analysis: Identify missing sidewalk links and other barriers to non-motorized transportation. WALKscope.org

Community Outreach

- Community Charities: Host food, coat, school supply or other charitable drives
- Helping Hands Network: Establish a network of volunteers to assist with yard and home maintenance
- Adopt-a- (park, spot, street, etc.)

Youth Programs

- After-school Activity Enrollment: Encourage participation in after-school programs for neighborhood children
- Recreation Program **Participation:** Set a goal for increasing youth recreation program participation

 Green Initiative Youth Team: Help form a volunteer team of neighborhood youth to lead sustainability projects

Neighborhood Heritage

- Historic & Cultural Resources Inventory: Research neighborhood history and identify properties of historic significance
- Neighborhood Historic Tour: Create a self-guided tour that includes stories and myths about the neighborhood

Local Economy & Green Purchasing

- Community Garden: Build a community garden
- Farmer's Market Carpool: Organize shared rides to local markets
- Neighborhood Garden Exchange: Share produce or organize a "From our gardens"

neighborhood potluck

 Local Business Directory/ **Discount Program:** Work with area businesses to get neighborhood discounts for buying local

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GOAL & TARGET AREAS

PEOPLE