

7 THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR THE PLANET DURING A PANDEMIC



Greenest Region Compact

The Greenest Region Compact (More Info [HERE](#))

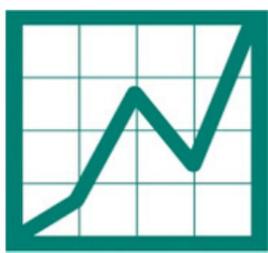


In the Chicago metropolitan region, 130 local governments have adopted the consensus sustainability goals of the Greenest Region Compact. Actions you can take at home to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day will also help us achieve these goals.



1. CLIMATE (GREENHOUSE GASES)

Measure your carbon footprint with an online calculator



2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Contribute to restaurants, agriculture, and businesses that produce and dispose of food products sustainably



3. ENERGY

Investigate how hourly energy pricing can save you money and energy usage



4. LAND

Online order native plant seed mixes for pollinator or rain gardens, or attractive landscaping



5. WASTE AND RECYCLING

Reduce food waste by buying only what you need, freezing what you can use later, and store leftovers for later



6. WATER

Identify what your water service pipes are made of



7. LEADERSHIP

Share with us how you're celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Earth day - tag & like us on Facebook @GRCorps #earthday2020

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION 2020



LINKS AND RESOURCES

Celebrate the 50th Earth Day with Initiatives at Home!

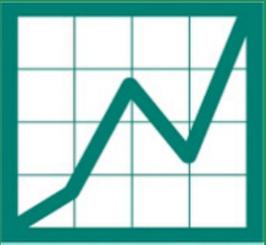
CLIMATE (GREENHOUSE GASES)



Use Online Calculator Available [HERE](#)

Calculate your individual carbon emissions and see how you can reduce your carbon footprint.

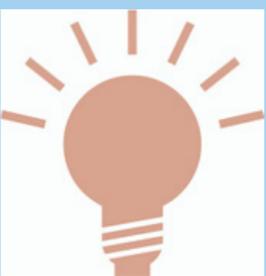
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Find Local Composting Restaurants [HERE](#)

Support restaurants or businesses that compost their food scraps and community sponsored agriculture near you!

ENERGY



Learn How Hourly Pricing Works [HERE](#)

Switching to hourly energy pricing can save money and energy; utilize hourly pricing rates and become more aware of your energy usage.

LAND



Learn More About Illinois Native Plant Benefits [HERE](#)

Planting Native Plants not only look great, they invite pollinators, reduce run off, and reduce the burden of upkeep every year.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GREENEST REGION COMPACT [HERE](#)

WASTE AND RECYCLING

Find Practical Ways to Reduce Food Waste [HERE](#)



Ways to save food at home:

1. Only buy what you need.
2. Save leftovers to eat at another time.
3. Freeze fresh food so it does not go bad.

WATER

Test Your Pipes for Lead Content [HERE](#)



Identify what your water service pipes are made of. Ensure you have the knowledge to understand what goes into your water supply.

LEADERSHIP

Share Your Earth Day Celebrations with Us [HERE](#)



Engage with local leaders such as your Greenest Region Compact Municipality or a local environmental group to see how you can support sustainability and/or volunteer for the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day.

HAPPY EARTH DAY 2020!



From all of us at the
Greenest Region Corps and the
Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

