

8 Tips to be Sustainable

Sustainable DC is the District's plan to become the healthiest, greenest, and most livable city in the nation. Everyone plays a role in achieving this goal.

1 Switch to CFL or LED Light Bulbs

Replacing 10 incandescent light bulbs with LEDs or CFLs saves you about \$60 a year. To learn more about energy-efficiency rebates and programs, visit dcseu.com.

2 Take Transit

Using public transit reduces congestion, and saves fuel and money. Ditching your car and taking transit can save you \$10,000 a year. For transit information and options, visit godcgo.com.

3 Buy Local Food

Food travels on average 1,500 miles from farm to table. Choose locally grown food, which is fresher, more nutritious, and requires fewer greenhouse gases to transport.

4 Drink Tap Water

Compared to bottled water, tap water costs 100 times less, creates much less waste, tastes great, and is just as safe to drink. Learn more at dcwater.com.

5 Use Reusable Bags

Single-use plastic bags require natural resources to produce, create waste, and harm animals that ingest them. Learn more at ddoe.dc.gov/bags.

6 Plant a Tree

Trees clean the air, prevent flooding, and reduce cooling costs. Plant a tree in your yard, or adopt a tree to keep it healthy at ddot.dc.gov/canopykeepers.

7 Wash Clothes in Cold Water

90% of the energy used to machine wash clothes goes to heating the water. Using cold water saves energy and keeps your clothes looking brighter.

8 Walk or Bike

Cycling and walking save money, are good for your health, and reduce traffic congestion and air pollution. Sign up for Capital Bikeshare at capitalbikeshare.com.

SUSTAINABLE DC

Second Year Progress



GHG
EMISSIONS DOWN

16%

BETWEEN
2006-2013



TALKED ABOUT
SUSTAINABILITY
WITH
8,650
PEOPLE AT 166
COMMUNITY
EVENTS



11,590
TREES PLANTED



16

PLAYGROUNDS
BUILT OR RENOVATED

SUSTAIN
ABLE



45 SCHOOL
COMPOSTING
PILOT PROJECTS

#7 MOST
WALKABLE
CITY IN THE NATION



89
NEW COMMUNITY
GARDEN PLOTS BUILT
IN 4 WARDS



15% INCREASE IN
BIKING



14% INCREASE IN
WALKING



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