

Analyzing Green Practices in YOUR COMMUNITY

In many cities and towns across the US, “going green” is a big priority. Is it a priority in your community? More citizens are starting to ask questions about sustainability and consumption. This interest is apparent in recycling programs and consumption reduction. Find out what your community is doing now and how they could improve their environment.



Environmental practices to look for

You may be able to recognize new ideas and techniques that could improve the sustainability of your community’s operations. Review the list below and then ask: **Are you able to implement any of these steps? Why or why not? If your community is already doing some of the following, when did the begin doing so and why?**

- The community gets its energy from renewable resources like hydropower, solar or wind power
- Bicycle friendly, the community promotes bike riding with designated bike lanes on streets
- Public transportation that allows people to use mass transit rather than drive a car
- A recycling program in place where recyclables can be picked up from residents’ curbs
- A water quality warning system that monitors pollution levels in waterways
- Preserves green spaces and prevents over construction
- A commitment to improving practices and reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Provides conservation tips to citizens

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