



Green programs – City of Vancouver

The City of Vancouver is one of the leading cities in North America acting to address climate change. Over the years, it has been dedicated to becoming more environmentally-responsible by incorporating sustainability into all its [City operations](#) as well as City services.

Find out more, below, about what we are doing to make Vancouver become the greenest city through our green programs as well as City services, tips and initiatives:

- [Sustainability](#) - Focusing on climate protection, green building and bringing sustainability to all aspects of running and building the city.
- [EcoDensity](#) - Building communities that are green, livable and affordable.
- [One Day](#) - Providing residents with resources and information to reduce energy use and make Vancouver the greenest city in the world.
- [Green Homes Program](#) - Addressing energy and water efficiency issues by requiring that all new building permit applications for one- and two-family homes meet a specific set of requirements.
- [Transportation](#) - Promoting sustainable transportation choices.
- [Green Streets](#) - Highlighting opportunities to volunteer as a street gardener in your neighbourhood.
- [Keep Vancouver Spectacular](#) - Annual city-wide cleanup program where residents and businesses volunteer to remove litter from Vancouver's streets, lanes and shorelines.
- [CityPlan Community Visions](#) - A framework for deciding City programs, priorities, and actions over the next 20 years, including strengthening neighbourhood centres, reducing reliance on the car, improving the environment, diversifying parks and public places, and much more.

Removing waste

[Recycling](#) | [Composting](#) | [Yard trimmings](#) | [Sewers](#) | [Food waste](#)

Getting around

[Walking](#) | [Bicycling](#) | [Transit](#) | [Greenways](#) | [Downtown Streetcar Project](#)

Gardening/ farming in the city

[Community gardens](#) | [Pesticides](#) | [Natural lawn care](#) | [Mowing lawn](#) | [Lawn sprinkling](#) | [Beekeeping](#) | [Backyard chickens](#) | [Food Charter](#)

Building green

[Build a green home](#) | [EcoDensity](#) | [SEFC/ Olympic Village](#) | [Metro Core Jobs and Economy Land Use Plan](#)

Green spaces

[Still Creek enhancement](#) | [Community gardens](#) | [Parks](#) | [Wildlife in parks](#) | [Stream daylighting](#) | [Green streets](#)

Water conservation and quality

[Rain barrels](#) | [Water saver kits](#) | [Lawn sprinkling](#) | [Water use](#) | [Ocean & river stewardship](#) | [Environmental plan](#)

Green energy

[Neighbourhood Energy Utility](#) | [Climate change](#)

Streets

[Storm drain marking](#) | [Clean streets](#) | [Green streets](#) | [Street trees management](#) | [Country lanes](#)