

Your guide to Live Green Toronto

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Message from Mayor David Miller

Dear fellow Torontonians,

Our actions to improve our environment—big and small—help clean our air and protect our climate.

Working together, we are making great strides towards our goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050.

Here are just a few examples of the actions that individuals, neighbours, community groups, and businesses across Toronto are taking to protect our environment:

- Residents of the Hugh Garner Housing Cooperative in downtown Toronto are installing solar energy technology to heat and light their homes, a water retention system for irrigation, and a 22,000 sq. ft green roof—all with the help of a capital grant from Live Green Toronto.
- Toronto's Now House Project, a 2009 Green Toronto Award winner, features a near zero energy retrofit of a war time home in East York. With the benefit of lessons learned from their success and financial assistance from Live Green Toronto, other area residents are greening their homes with similar energy- and cost-saving retrofits.

- With the support of a Live Green Toronto grant, residents of Laurier Avenue are studying the feasibility of using renewable geothermal energy to heat and cool 22 of their century-old Victorian homes. Geothermal heating and cooling will reduce their energy bills by more than 50% and reduce the emissions which contribute to climate change.
- Mahogany Management, a 2009 Green Toronto Award winner, designed and installed a green roof on a supportive housing unit. Residents are now able to grow their own vegetables and enjoy their new green space for community get-togethers.

These examples illustrate your commitment to living green and the breadth of imagination and talent you are expressing in your communities.

In the following pages you'll find more information about the many ways we live green in Toronto, and the programs and supports available to help you continue to green your homes, neighbourhoods and businesses.

I urge you to keep turning your great green ideas into action and to join me and your neighbours in creating a greener, healthier and more liveable Toronto.

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LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT TORONTO IS DOING TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE
 Visit toronto.ca/environment

Have a great green idea?

Our grants and community animators can help you make it happen!

Live Green Toronto's Community Animators can help you **and your community** get organized, get the information and advice you need, connect you with financial resources and so much more.

Looking for ideas on how your neighbourhood can go green? Visit livegreentoronto.ca to view our Video Series and see what other neighbourhoods are doing.



Grants to green your community.

Ready to turn your great green ideas into action but short on funds? Live Green Toronto grants can help. Projects that reduce emissions, clean our air and help us adapt to climate change are eligible for grants of **up to \$25,000**. Grants of **up to \$250,000** are available for capital projects, such as infrastructure on buildings and facilities which reduce greenhouse gas and smog-causing emissions.

WHAT IS YOUR GREAT GREEN IDEA?

Contact us at:
livegreentoronto.ca or
teo@toronto.ca or call 311.

Give your home a green tune-up!

Visit livegreentoronto.ca

Go cool, green and shady. Get a free tree planted on your City-owned street allowance.

Stop flushing money down the drain! Get \$60 – \$75 cash back when you purchase a water-efficient, City-approved toilet.

Green your commute! Check out public transit, cycling and walking routes. And don't forget Smart Commute—they can help your workplace encourage alternatives to commuting by car.

It's cool to be green. Sign up for Toronto Hydro's peaksaver® program to reduce the energy you use for central air conditioning during peak demand periods, and get a \$75 incentive.

Ride your bike more often. Learn to cycle safely and go green by taking a City Can-Bike course.

Find others looking to share a ride with Carpool Zone. Register at smartcommutetoronto.ca.

Replace hard surfaces with porous pavement to help rainwater and melted snow absorb into the soil. It's good for our waterways.



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GRANTS AND REBATES!

You may be eligible for thousands of dollars in grants, rebates and incentives through various programs such as Home Energy Assistance Toronto (HEAT) which offers homeowners up to \$1,000 for new insulation. Improve your home's energy efficiency to save energy, money and more.

Learn more about the grants, rebates and incentives to help you live green at livegreentoronto.ca or call 311.

Replace old appliances and save up to \$150 on your annual electricity bill! Toronto Hydro's Great Refrigerator Roundup program collects and disposes of cash draining fridges and freezers.

Trade in your incandescent lights for energy-saving LED lights at Toronto Hydro's annual Festive Light Exchange. 'Tis the season for savings!

Thinking about a solar energy system for your home? Get info about the City's permit process and learn how you can earn 82¢/kWh from the Province's Feed-in Tariff Program.

Dispose of CFL light bulbs safely at your local Community Environment Day, selected Toronto Hydro locations or home improvement stores. They contain trace amounts of mercury.

Protect our waterways:

- Disconnect your downspout—it's the law
- Get a rainbarrel
- Book a Summer Watersaver visit
- Plant a rain garden to help absorb water and melting snow

Toronto Water can provide you with more ways to conserve water and keep our lakes and rivers clean.

Go pesticide free—it's a healthy & natural way to grow your lawn and garden—and it's the law.

Take advantage of the rebates available for approved high-efficiency washers, including a \$60 rebate from the City and an \$80 rebate from Toronto Hydro.

Get up to \$3,200 to protect your home from basement flooding through the Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
on the programs listed in this brochure, visit livegreentoronto.ca, torontohydro.com or call 311.
Get further tips and rebates to help you live green at enbridgegas.com.

Want to green your high-rise?

Visit livegreentoronto.ca

Work with your landlord or condo/co-op board to install a green roof and beautify your building.

Green your neighbourhood—create a community garden and grow your own vegetables.

Encourage your landlord or condo/co-op board to consider a renewable energy system such as solar hot water heating or solar electricity to take advantage of Ontario's new Feed-in Tariff program.

Save water in your own unit and encourage your landlord or condo/co-op board to take advantage of the many grants and rebates available including those for water-efficient toilets and high-efficiency washers & showerheads.

Contact the City's Energy Efficiency Office for advice and assistance to make your building more energy efficient.

Let your landlord or condo/co-op board know that they can apply for up to \$100,000 in grants and rebates for energy retrofits from Enbridge.

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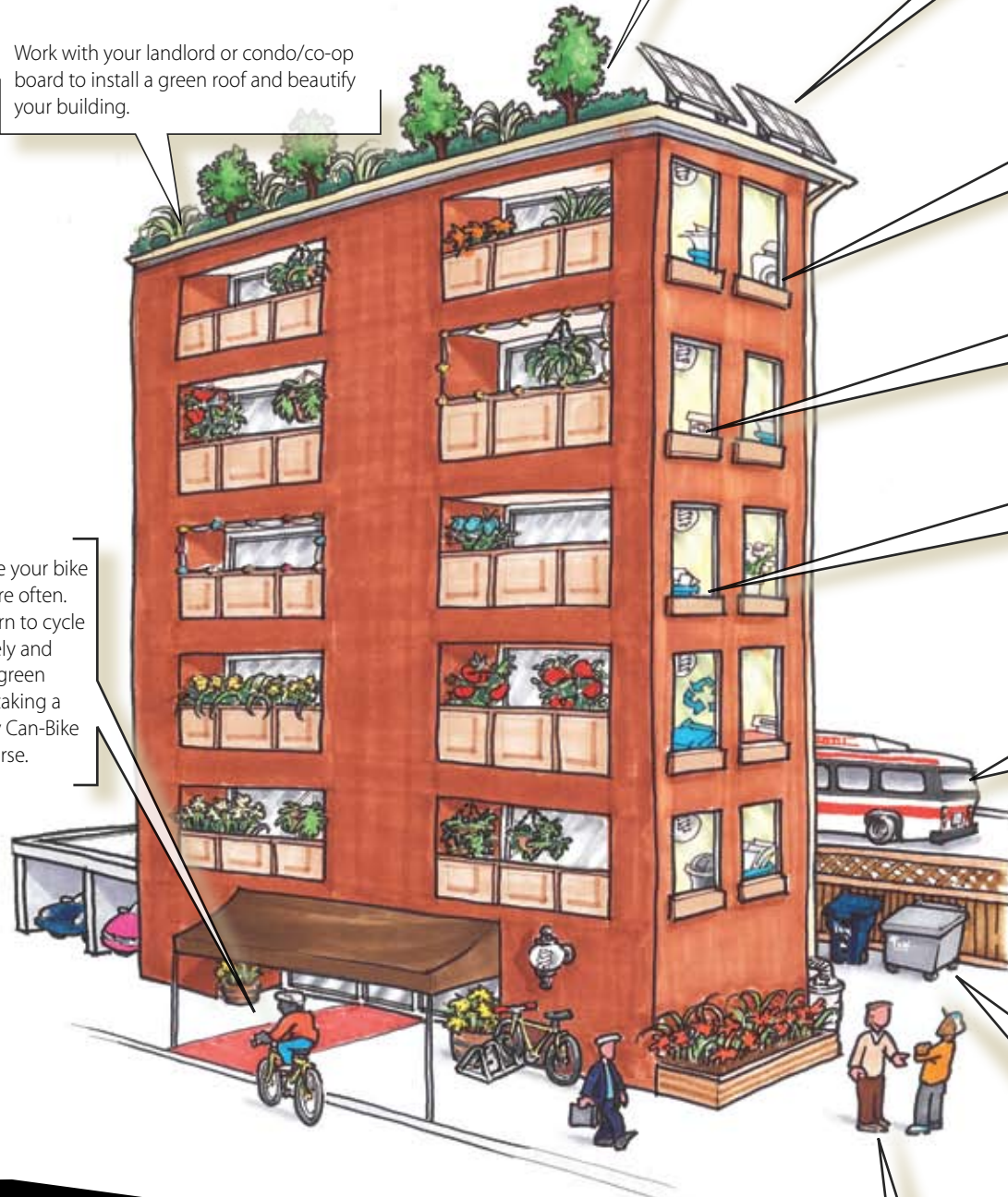
Send less waste to landfill by participating in the City's waste diversion programs. Green Bin organic collection is expanding to include residential high-rise buildings.

Encourage your landlord or condo/co-op board to contact a Towerwise Conservation Incentives Advisor to learn about the loans and grants available to make high-rise residential towers more energy efficient. Visit towerwise.ca.

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ATTENTION LANDLORDS, CONDO BOARDS AND PROPERTY MANAGERS:
Many resources are available to help you green your building. Contact us for more information: livegreentoronto.ca or call 311.



Want to green your small business?

Visit livegreentoronto.ca

Want to improve your business's energy efficiency? We can help you learn about the grants and rebates available from the City of Toronto, Enbridge, Toronto Hydro and other orders of government.

Sign up for Toronto Hydro's Commercial peaksaver® program to reduce the energy you use for central air conditioning during peak demand periods and receive a \$75 incentive for your first unit and a \$50 incentive for every subsequent unit.

Receive \$50 per sq. metre from the City's Eco-roof Incentive program towards the installation of a green roof or \$5 per sq. metre for a cool/white roof.

Industrial, commercial and institutional building owners and property managers can receive a rebate for every inefficient toilet replaced with a new water-efficient, City-approved model.

Go cool, green and shady. Get a free tree planted on the City-owned street allowance next to your private property.

Contact the City's Energy Efficiency Office for advice on how to make you business more energy efficient.



Don't cool and heat the great outdoors! Keep your doors closed to save energy and money.

Toronto Hydro's Business Incentive Program encourages and provides incentives for energy-efficient renovations of commercial buildings 25,000 square feet or less.

The Spray 'N' Save Program for Restaurants by Toronto Water & Enbridge offers a free, high-velocity pre-rinse spray valve to restaurants with dish service.

The City of Toronto and Green Enterprise Ontario offer a one-day ISO 14001 workshop that will help you create a plan to green your business and save money.

Join the water efficiency movement. Enbridge offers cash incentives to help you install water-efficient equipment and appliances in your business.

GreenTBiz can help you find more ways to green your business.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit torontohydro.com, enbridgegas.com/smallbiz, livegreentoronto.ca or call 311.

More ways to go green

Visit your local Community

Environment Day to:

- drop off household hazardous waste
- purchase water efficiency kits and rain barrels
- pick up green bins and kitchen containers
- trade in your old high-polluting lawn & garden equipment for rebates
- and more!

Visit toronto.ca/environment_days.

Ask the Waste Wizard!

Not sure what waste goes in what bin?

Visit toronto.ca/garbage.

Want to do more to green your life?

Check out the 20/20 Planner or zerofootprint.com for more tips.

Sign up for your Live Green Toronto Membership Card today!

Your Live Green Toronto Membership Card will help you:

Shop Green. When you shop at participating businesses you support those who have committed to green their operations, products and services.

Save Green. Get exclusive offers and/or instant discounts at participating businesses.

Live Green. Where you spend your money and what you spend it on is a big part of living green.

Get your free card today!



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