



# GO GREEN PROGRAMS

## FOR RESIDENTS



< *City of Austin* >

Cut costs and learn how to go green! Make sustainability a priority in the choices you make every day – at home, at work, and all around town. Pick a few ways to take personal action and get going. Together we’re a greener city!

Need help getting started? Call 3-1-1 for more information about any City of Austin program.

|                          | PROGRAM   | DESCRIPTION  | CONTACT                                    |
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| <i>renewable energy</i>  | GreenChoice   | Subscribe to GreenChoice and support electric generation from wind and other clean, renewable sources.   | www.AustinEnergy.com                       |
|                          | Solar Water Heater  | Solar-powered water heaters can cut back on energy use and help lower your electricity bills. Rebates and federal tax credits available.   |  |
|                          | Solar Photovoltaic  | Install a photovoltaic system on your home to produce clean, renewable solar energy; get a rebate.   |  |
| <i>energy efficiency</i> | Energy Conservation Audit   | Austin Energy staff will assist you in determining how much energy your home uses and identify ways to maximize energy savings.  |  |
|                          | Window Treatments   | Energy-wise windows and solar screens save money by helping your air conditioning work less to keep your home cool. Rebates available.   |  |
|                          | Green Building  | Work with Austin Energy Green Building staff to make your home more energy, water, and materials efficient. Achieve Green Building Star Rating for new construction or a significant remodel. Guidebook available. |  |
|                          | Roof/Ceiling Insulation   | Get rebate assistance with the cost of adding insulation above your ceiling or roof deck to help reduce energy use and electric bills.   |  |
|                          | Reflective Roof   | Paint or spray on a reflective roof coating; by reflecting more of the sun's rays, the coating lowers interior temperatures and significantly reduces your home's energy use and costs. Rebates available.         |  |
| Heat Pump Water Heater   | Reduce energy usage and deliver nearly twice the heat by using electricity to move the heat instead of creating it.   |  |  |
| Air Conditioning         | Cut heating and cooling costs with a new energy-efficient air conditioning system; get rebates.   |  |  |
| <i>conserve water</i>    | 3C Challenge  | Set a goal to reduce water use by 10% by signing the 3C Challenge — Commit, Calculate, Conserve. Stop wasting water (and energy) and start saving on water bills.  | www.WaterWiseAustin.com                    |
|                          | Rainwater Harvesting  | Show your commitment to water conservation by installing a rainwater harvesting system and get a rebate. Harvested rainwater can help keep your landscaping healthy and lower your water bill.                     |  |
|                          | Irrigation Systems  | Perform an irrigation evaluation for recommendations about seasonal scheduling and possible upgrades and rebates to improve the system's efficiency.   |  |
|                          | Water Efficient Fixtures  | Replace or add high water efficiency kitchen and bathroom aerators and showerheads.  |  |
|                          | Washing Machines  | Conserve water by using high-efficiency clothes washers to replace non-efficient models.   |  |
| Water Wise Landscaping   | Reduce or eliminate the need for supplemental water from irrigation. Rebates available.   |  |  |
| <i>water protection</i>  | Integrated Pest Management Plan   | Watershed Protection staff will provide free help and educational materials about eco-friendly landscaping and pest control practices.   | www.growgreen.org                          |
|                          | Grow Green Landscaping  | Request a directory of local landscaping companies that are certified practitioners of eco-friendly landscaping practices. Attend a Grow Green Landscape professional training/pollution prevention workshop.      |  |
|                          | Pollution Prevention  | Learn more about pollution prevention and disposal and how to report spills in your neighborhood.  | www.austintexas.gov/pollutionprevention    |
| <i>commute</i>           | Plug in Partners  | Save on fuel and go electric whether you are driving a car or riding a bike; learn locations for charging stations and get a home charging station rebate.   | www.pluginpartners.org                     |
|                          | Bike Program  | Pay annual, weekly or daily fees to ride bikes unlimited for the first 30 days. Drop bikes off at kiosks located downtown.   | www.CommuteSolutions.com                   |
|                          | Commute Solutions   | Commute Solutions staff will work with you on commuting options that will lower costs and stress.  |  |
| <i>waste</i>             | Recycled Reads  | Drop off your used books to support literacy programs and prevent them from ending up in a landfill.   | www.austintexas.gov/environment/zero-waste |
|                          | Home Composting   | Downsize your trash cart and take a home composting class to receive a rebate when you purchase a new home composting system.  |  |
|                          | Unwanted Mail   | Sign up for free to opt out of receiving unwanted catalogs, coupons, credit card offers, phone books, etc. Sign up at: austin.catalogchoice.org.   |  |
|                          | Zero Waste Guide  | Use this free A to Z Guide to learn how to recycle, re-use, compost and dispose of particular items.   |  |
|                          | Household Hazardous Waste   | Safely dispose of up to 30 gallons of your hazardous waste at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility; new or slightly used materials and Austin ReBlend paint are available for free.                              |  |
| Dillo Dirt               | All curbside yard trimmings are combined and composted to create a beneficial "unrestricted use" soil. Purchase Dillo Dirt from many vendors across the city. |  |  |