



# Goals, Target Areas and Project Ideas

These are just suggestions - feel free to improvise.





## GOAL

Reduce emissions generated in the neighborhood and improve both outdoor and indoor air quality.

## TARGET AREAS

- Outdoor Emissions
- Indoor Air Quality
- Trees and Vegetation
- Carbon Footprint Reduction

## INITIATIVE & PROJECT IDEAS

### **Neighborhood Transportation Pledge**

Research different pledge programs that promote improving a air quality by reducing weekly trips. Set up a prize system to incentivize participation.

### **Vehicle Maintenance Educational Workshop**

Learn to improve efficiency and reduce emissions.

### **Bike to Work Day**

Plan a group bike ride or host a station for riders on Bike to Work Day.

### **Carpool Network**

Promote regional carpooling programs or create one for the neighborhood.

### **Alternative Transportation Map and Guide**

Develop a resource for existing and new residents in the neighborhood highlighting bike, pedestrian, vehicle sharing and other features.

### **Carbon Footprint Challenge**

Host a workshop with the City to learn how to reduce your carbon footprint.

### **Anti-Idling Pledge**

Establish an anti-idling pledge in your community to reduce emissions and increase air quality.

### **Fireplace Replacement**

Reduce the number of wood-burning fireplaces in use in your neighborhood by educating neighbors about the impact they have on air quality.

### **Tree Planting**

Hold events to plant trees in yards or along the street to improve air quality.

### **Electric Lawn Equipment**

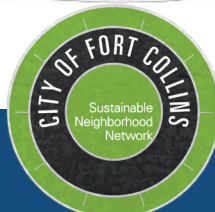
Promote the use of electric lawn equipment. Research and communicate different purchasing options with the community.

### **In-home Air Quality Workshop**

Learn about sources of indoor air pollution and how to address them.

### **Radon Detectors**

Test homes for high levels of radon.





## GOAL

Conserve water resources and improve water quality.

## TARGET AREAS

- Indoor and Outdoor
- Water Conservation
- Stormwater Management
- Stream/Ditch Protection

## INITIATIVE & PROJECT IDEAS

### **Indoor & Outdoor Water Audits**

Partner with Larimer County Conservation Corps for Home Efficiency Assessments, and schedule sprinkler audits with Fort Collins Utilities.

### **Water Conservation Fair**

Give neighbors the opportunity to learn about water-wise products and services to reduce water use, discover rebates available from Fort Collins Utilities and talk with local businesses about water use reduction and conservation services.

[fcgov.com/save-water](http://fcgov.com/save-water)

### **Garden in a Box**

Replace under-utilized areas of grass with colorful, low-water plants, professionally designed for a space.

[fcgov.com/GIAB](http://fcgov.com/GIAB)

### **Neighborhood Mulch Day**

Call a local arborist or landscape supply company to bring a pile of wood mulch to your neighborhood for a day of mulching.

### **Leaky Faucet Repair Team**

Build a team of neighborhood volunteers who can be contacted to repair leaky faucets and toilets.

### **Stream Bank and Adopt-a-Ditch Projects**

Protect vegetation and prevent erosion around neighborhood waterways; commit to regular cleanup days of local waterways.

### **Rain Barrel Workshop**

Rain barrels are now legal in Colorado! Hold a workshop to inform residents of what they need to know for installing rain barrels in their yards.

### **Fertilizer and Pesticide**

### **Reduction Campaign**

Learn about the impacts of chemicals on water quality and create a pledge to reduce chemicals

### **Stormwater Education**

Educate neighbors on stormwater drainage and quality.

### **Regional Water-wise Garden Tours**

Learn about water-wise landscaping and tour local xeriscape gardens.

[fcgov.com/xeriscape](http://fcgov.com/xeriscape)

### **Water Conservation Best**

### **Practices Pledge**

Create a neighborhood-wide pledge to reduce your water usage by turning the faucet off when washing dishes and brushing your teeth, only run your dishwasher and clothes washer for full loads, etc.





## GOAL

Encourage stewardship and conservation of ecosystems and resources.

## TARGET AREAS

- Sustainable Landscapes
- Wildlife & Habitat Enhancement
- Chemical Pollution
- Recycling & Waste Reduction

## INITIATIVE & PROJECT IDEAS

### **Community Garden Development**

Connect with gardening groups to transform yards and community spaces into gardens. The Gardens on Spring Creek are a great resource.  
[fcgov.com/gardens/community-gardens](http://fcgov.com/gardens/community-gardens)

### **Wildlife Friendly Yards**

Get neighbors to commit to pollinator and wildlife friendly yards through elimination of harmful chemicals to treat landscape.

### **Native Plant Workshop**

Hold a workshop to educate neighbors on which native plants work well for landscaping and why they are important for the ecosystem.

### **Alternative Methods Workshop**

Put on an educational workshop to inform neighbors of alternative, safe methods for pest management.

### **Soil Amendment**

Add materials to neighborhood soil to improve its capacity.

### **Habitat Tree Inventory**

Identify older neighborhood trees that provide important habitat.

### **Living with Wildlife**

Learn how to reduce conflicts with coyotes, skunks, foxes and other wildlife.

### **Household Hazardous Material Recycling**

Organize a special collection to learn about the types of hazardous materials that can be recycled and where to take them.

### **Green Purchasing Guide**

Create a guide for purchasing environmentally friendly household cleaners and other products.

### **Curbside Recycling Sign-up**

Host an information workshop in partnership with the City about what items can and cannot be recycled. Then, encourage curbside recycling by residents as part of their trash service.

### **Noxious Weed Removal**

Hold a workshop to educate neighborhoods on how to remove noxious weeds and then spend a day removing these threatening plants.

### **Compost Workshop and Leaf Recycling**

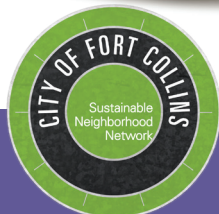
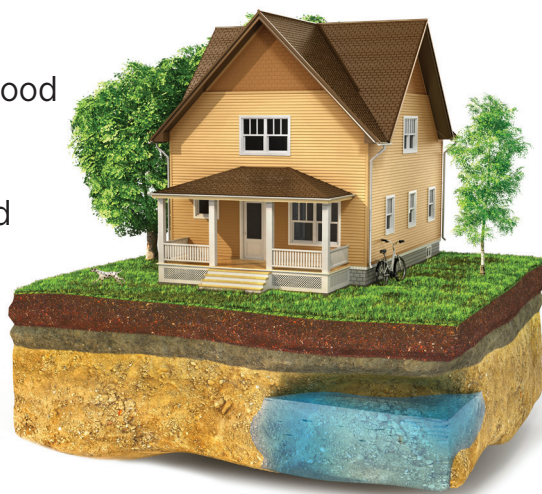
Host a workshop on backyard composting and a fall leaf cleanup.

### **Alternative Pest Control**

Learn how to use horticultural oils to keep plants safe while reducing effects on beneficial insects.

### **Hard to Recycle Event**

Hold an event for neighbors to drop off hard-to-recycle items.







## GOAL

Promote energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy.

## TARGET AREAS

- Home Energy Efficiency and Conservation
- Solar Photovoltaic (PV)
- Green Building

## INITIATIVE & PROJECT IDEAS

### **Home Energy Assessments**

Sign up for a home energy assessments to get technical assistance and rebates.

[fcgov.com/HomeEfficiency](http://fcgov.com/HomeEfficiency)

### **Solar Energy**

Organize a solar bulk purchase approach with Solar United Neighbors.

[solarunitedneighbors.org/colorado](http://solarunitedneighbors.org/colorado)

### **Energy Efficiency Online Store**

Sign up and share the discounted items on the Efficiency Works Online Store.

[EfficiencyWorksStore.com](http://EfficiencyWorksStore.com)

### **Project Sunroof**

Use Google to map the solar potential of rooftops in your neighborhood and share the results with neighbors.

[fcgov.com/solar](http://fcgov.com/solar)

### **Sign up for Renewable Energy**

Purchase renewable energy through Fort Collins Green Energy Program.

[fcgov.com/greenenergy](http://fcgov.com/greenenergy)

### **Weatherization DIY Workshop**

Invite local experts to share best practices for DIY insulation and air sealing.

### **Green Building Design Workshop**

Hold a workshop with local experts to educate neighbors on green building best practices.

### **Time-of-Day Power Check**

Use the online Monitor My Use tool from Utilities or in home displays available from the library to monitor your utility use.

[fcgov.com/monitor-my-use](http://fcgov.com/monitor-my-use)

### **Efficient and Dark Sky Porch Lights**

Replace conventional porch light bulbs to save energy and change fixtures to promote dark sky.

### **Organize a Refrigerator and Freezer Roundup**

Get your neighbors to recycle old and inefficient refrigerators and freezers.

[fcgov.com/rfr](http://fcgov.com/rfr)





## GOAL

Enhance the social vitality of the neighborhood by encouraging community interaction, partnerships, and outreach programs.

## TARGET AREAS

- Health & Wellness
- Community Outreach
- Youth Programs
- Neighborhood Heritage
- Local Economy & Green Purchasing

## INITIATIVE & PROJECT IDEAS

### **Develop a Community Outreach Plan**

A community outreach plan should include all possible outlets of communication to the neighborhood such as social media, phone and email trees, mailing lists, webpages, etc. Identify which resources are multilingual.

### **Community Asset Inventory**

Create an inventory of all organizations, schools and nonprofits in the neighborhood to explore potential partnerships.

### **Community Clubs**

Create a group that meets regularly to do activities such as exercise or cleanup trash in the neighborhood.

### **Walkability Analysis**

Identify missing sidewalk links and other barriers.

### **Community Charity Events**

Host food, coat, school supply, or other charitable drives.

### **Helping Hands Network**

Establish a network of volunteers to assist with home maintenance.

### **Historic and Cultural Resources Inventory**

Research neighborhood history and identify properties of historic significance.

### **Local Lunch Club**

Create a group to meet regularly at local restaurants.

### **Healthy Living Workshop**

Host a workshop to learn how to make healthy eating and regular activity a part of your community.

### **After-school Activity Enrollment**

Encourage participation in after-school programs for neighborhood children.

### **Recreation Programs**

Set a goal for increasing recreation program participation.

### **Farmers Market Carpool Network**

Setup a carpool network to visit the seasonal (May - November) Farmers Markets around the City.

### **Elderly Driving**

### **Assistance Network**

Identify volunteers willing to be contacted to assist elderly neighbors with getting around town and to appointments.

### **Local Business Partnerships**

Work with area businesses to accomplish projects and support the neighborhood.

### **Community Gardening**

Build a community garden and share produce from home gardens.

