



City of Eden Prairie / Conservation Commission

Links of Interest

Climate Change

Minnesota Climate Change Advisory Group (mnclimatechange.us)

Details about the Next Generation Energy Initiative.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (www.pca.state.mn.us/)

Follow "Hot Topics" link on homepage to "Global Warming and Climate Change"

The Earth Institute at Columbia University (www.earthinstitute.columbia.com)

An excellent resource for students, teachers, and other educators. Includes high quality information related to scientific research, environmental policy, and provides a variety of educational materials.

Princeton Environmental Institute (www.princeton.edu/~cmi)

Information on the Carbon Mitigation Initiative. Great for students and teachers.



Water Conservation

What is your water footprint? (www.H2Oconserve.org)

An interactive website that promotes water conservation that is time and cost effective. Tips are provided in conserving water around the home.

"Cut Your Water Use By 50 Percent" (www.wral.com/news/local/flash/1989625)

Simple ways to reduce water consumption in everyday activities

City of Eden Prairie Rebate Programs (edenprairie.org)

Rebates are available for water-efficient appliances, toilets and rain sensors for irrigation systems. Select "2008 Appliance Rebates" or contact the Environmental Coordinator at lstovring@edenprairie.org or 952-949-8327

Water Quality

The City of Eden Prairie

Links providing access to annual drinking water reports, lake surveys, and stormwater plans.

Annual Drinking Water Reports (edenprairie.org/vCurrent/live/article.asp?r=2083)

Lake Surveys and Reports (edenprairie.org/vCurrent/live/article.asp?r=1954)

Stormwater Plans (edenprairie.org/vCurrent/live/article.asp?r=1816)

Minnesota Department of Health (www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/topics/pfcs_index.html)

Information on Perfluorochemicals, including areas of contamination, monitoring, and public health

Recycling



The Recycling Association of Minnesota (www.recycleminnesota.org)

Green Guardian (www.greenguardian.com)

Hennepin County, MN—"A-Z How to Get Rid of It" Guide

(www.hennepin.mn.us)

Follow the "A-Z How to Get Rid of It" link on the main page.



Plants, Horticulture, and Native Plant Landscaping

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum (www.arboretum.umn.edu)

Visit the Arboretum web site to learn about upcoming classes and events

City of Eden Prairie-Guide to Native Plant Landscaping (edenprairie.org)

Follow the website toolbar to the Public Works Department— Environmental and Water Resources—Lawn Watering Information and Fees.

The Dept. of Natural Resources — Native Landscaping

(www.dnr.state.mn.us/gardens/nativeplants/index.html)

EPA Native Plants Website — Green Landscaping with Native Plants

(www.epa.gov/greenacres/)

Information on native plants, landscaping, and restoration.

Blue Thumb — “Planting for Clean Water” (www.bluthumb.org)

Information on native gardens, rain gardens, and shoreline stabilization with native plant species. Native plant supplier for the City of Eden Prairie.

Energy Efficiency

Energy Star Program—U.S Environmental Protection Agency (www.energystar.gov)

Tips on reducing your energy usage and carbon footprint within your home.

Xcel Energy “60 Simple Ways to Save on Your Energy Bill”

(www.xcelenergy.com/docs/60_Ways.pdf)

Eden Prairie Conservation Commission, Change-a-Light Pledge

Help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by pledging to change incandescent for fluorescent bulbs.

- Go To the web site www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=cal.pledgeForm
- To the question “Which organization referred you here, if any?” choose “Eden Prairie Conservation Commission” from the pull-down menu.
- Pledge to change a number of bulbs.

Minnesota Energy Challenge (www.mnenergychallenge.org)

Take a minute or two and sign up for the Minnesota Energy Challenge. Find ways to calculate your own carbon footprint and learn how to save money and energy in your home.



Green Building

U.S. Green Building Council, Mississippi Headwaters Chapter

(chapters.usgbc.org/usgbcmn/)

Green Buildings (www.buildinggreen.com)

Find out what a “green buildings” are and what you can do at home to become more green

Sustainable Building Supplies (www.naturalbuilthome.com)



Renewable Energy

The U of M Institute for Renewable Energy & the Environment (www.umn.edu/iree/)

MN Dept. of Commerce Energy Information Center (www.commerce.state.mn.us)