Waukesha County Parks and Land Use

30-DAY EARTH CHALLENGE

See how you can help our planet with these simple actions.

HOME

1 Stop the Junk
Opt out of junk mail being delivered to your home to help reduce paper waste.
Get started at: *dmachoice.org*

2 Set a Longer Lawn
Set your mower blade at 3" to help grass conserve water and improve turf color and density.
Learn more: *https://bit.ly/2OZvIBe*

3 Go Bagless
Keep reusable bags handy to use at the store to help reduce single use plastics. (*Bag purchases yourself during the pandemic.*)
Learn more: *https://bit.ly/3fdB8Da*

4 Pack Waste-Free
Pack on-the-go meals and snacks with reusable cutlery and containers to reduce landfill trash.
Get great tips: *https://bit.ly/3rmAwxx*

5 Recycle Right
Refresh your recycling knowledge to know what belongs in your curbside bin.
Refresh here: *waukeshacounty.gov/recycling*

6 Keep Dandelions
Leave the dandelions for early spring pollinators or remove them by hand pulling to avoid using herbicides.
Learn more: *https://bit.ly/3rnAwNV*

7 Compost Scraps
Keep food waste out of landfills by composting at home. Our garbage contains 30-40% of food waste!
Learn how to compost: *https://bit.ly/3rif64J*

NEIGHBORHOOD

8 Adopt-A-Drain
Keep storm drains clean to help improve water quality!
Adopt one in Waukesha or Pewaukee: *waukeshacounty.gov/adoptadrain*

9 Donate
Are you spring cleaning? Donate unwanted items instead of throwing them away to keep them out of landfills.
See where: *https://bit.ly/3ua40Rd*

10 Turn Off the Lights
Reduce light pollution by turning off unnecessary outdoor lights at night.
Learn more about it at a Planetarium show: *https://bit.ly/39dcGhx*

11 Pick Up After Pets
Pick up after your dog to keep green spaces and waterways clean.
Learn more: *https://bit.ly/3coXjED*

12 Wash Cars Right
Don't wash your car on the driveway. Go to a car wash or do it on your lawn to help filter water before it enters the ground.
Learn more: *https://bit.ly/2Px2QA9*

13 Pick Up Litter
Go for a walk in your neighborhood and pick up litter.
Take action: *https://bit.ly/3sp6hHF*

14 Convince a Friend
Talk to a neighbor, your kids or friends and have them join you in this Earth Challenge!
Get involved: *waukeshacounty.gov/earthweek*

COMMUNITY

15 Go Native
Plant native plants to help support insects, birds, bats, small mammals and other wildlife.
Get resources: *https://bit.ly/3rpUfwi*

16 Clean Green
Give up the chemicals and mix your own green cleaners using vinegar, borax and other natural items.
Get the recipe: *https://bit.ly/3ffld7t*

17 Pull Garlic Mustard
Pull and bag the invasive weed in your community. Volunteer on April 24 for
MISSION: POSSIBLE VOLUNTEER WORKDAY
waukeshacounty.gov/missionpossible

18 Swap for LED
Swap your bulbs. LED light bulbs use up to 90% less energy and can last up to 25 times longer than incandescent bulbs.
Learn more: *https://bit.ly/2NTnLwC*

19 No Bags in the Bin
Leave recyclables loose in your curbside bin. Take plastic bags and film to a store for recycling.
Learn more: *waukeshacounty.gov/recycling*

20 Soft Water Max
Optimize your water softener. Increasing your softener's efficiency protects our freshwater resources.
Learn more: *https://bit.ly/3ryAaUN*

21 Be a Friend
Join the Friends of Retzer Nature Center and help make a difference by helping preserve wildlife habitat and native lands.
Learn more: *friendsofretzer.org*

WORLD

22 Go Meatless
Go meatless one day a week to help shrink your water footprint by reducing the water used in the processes involved in producing our goods.
Learn more: *https://bit.ly/3fiTOBE*

23 Plant Trees
Plant native trees to help improve air quality. Volunteer on April 30 for
Arbor Day VOLUNTEER TREE PLANTING
waukeshacounty.gov/arborday

24 Check Your Tires
Check your tire pressure and make sure your tires are properly inflated to improve fuel economy.
Learn more: *https://bit.ly/3fiuewG*

25 Only One Degree
Set your thermostat 1 degree warmer in the summer and 1 degree cooler in the winter to help save energy.
Learn more: *https://bit.ly/2NUC2t0*

26 Save Water
Install a water efficient fixture. WaterSense labeled products use at least 20 percent less water than standard models.
Learn more: *https://bit.ly/2Qy6UQW*

27 Reduce Plastic Use
Reduce the number of single-use plastics that you use with reusable containers.
Other ways to reduce: *https://bit.ly/3ffCAFd*

28 Be Mindful
Reduce your shower time and wash only full loads in the dishwasher and laundry to save water and energy.
Learn more: *https://bit.ly/3coffz3*

VOLUNTEER

29 Habitat Workdays
Sign up to volunteer your time in the parks to improve wildlife habitats.
Register now: *https://bit.ly/31zKSzP*

30 Citizen Science
Help Waukesha County collect data to assist the park system in land management decisions.
Register now: *https://bit.ly/3fhQzKI*

Your Actions Matter!

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