



VISION 01

ACCESSIBLE FOOD AND DRINKING WATER




All Philadelphians have access to healthy, affordable, and sustainable food and drinking water

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What Communities Can Do

FOOD

- ☐ **Community composting:** Start a shared compost project at a community garden or other neighborhood site.
- ☐ **Host local food vendors:** Provide residents access to local food through a farmers market or Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program.
 - Find a local farmers market:
 -  thefoodtrust.org/farmers-markets
 - Find a CSA:
 -  ams.usda.gov/local-food-directories/csas
- ☐ **Share food resources with residents:** Alert community to food resources such as food pantries, soup kitchens, or senior meal programs.
 - Find a City food distribution site:
 -  phila.gov/food
- ☐ **Support your local food co-op:** Support local efforts to start or sustain a community food co-op.
 - Co-ops in the Philadelphia area and resources for starting a co-op:
 -  philadelphia.coop/phillycoops/
- ☐ **Cater your next community meeting with local, sustainable food:** Use the Good Food Caterer Guide.
 -  phillyfpac.org/good-food-caterer-guide/

- ☐ **Build a community garden:** There are several resources available to identify and purchase a lot in your community.
 - Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Garden Tenders:
 -  phsonline.org/programs/garden-tenders
 - Vacant Land 215 Toolkit:
 -  phillyfpac.files.wordpress.com/2015/04/vacant-land-215-toolkit-2016-edits.pdf
 - Philadelphia Land Bank:
 -  phdcphila.org

WATER

- ☐ **Educate your community on water quality:** Invite the Philadelphia Water Department to speak to your community about water quality.
 -  phila.gov/water
 -  215-685-6300
- ☐ **Keep litter out of drains:** Sign up for the Philadelphia Storm Drain marking project to help residents keep litter out of storm drains.
 -  markingapp.philadelphiawater.org/new-event-request
- ☐ **Drink tap water:** Carry a reusable water bottle and drink Philadelphia's high quality tap water.
 - Use Phlask to find a place to refill or request to have your site added to their map:
 -  phlask.me





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HEALTHY OUTDOOR AND INDOOR AIR

All Philadelphians breathe healthy air inside and outside

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What Communities Can Do

OUTDOOR AIR

- ☐ **Alert neighbors to poor air quality:** Share information about Air Quality Index days with your community and encourage residents to take steps to protect their health.
 - Receive an email when an Air Quality Action Day is declared by signing up at:
 -  delawarevalley.enviroflash.info/signup.cfm
- ☐ **Educate your neighborhood about local air quality concerns:** Invite Air Management Services to speak about ways your community can improve air quality.
 -  [Air Management Resources](#)
 -  215-685-7586
- ☐ **Report air quality concerns:** Alert Air Management Services to issues such as idling, dust, or unusual odors.
 -  215-685-7580 (business hours) or 215-686-4516 (all other times)
- ☐ **Sign up to host a TreePhilly Community Yard Tree Giveaway:**
 -  treephilly.org
 -  215-683-0217

INDOOR AIR

- ☐ **Share Greenworks on the Ground for Individuals:** Educate residents about actions they can take to create a healthy indoor environment in their homes by sharing the resources for individuals:

 phila.gov/green

UNDERSTANDING AQI

The purpose of the AIR QUALITY INDEX (AQI) is to help you understand what local air quality means to your health. To make the AQI as easy to understand as possible, EPA has divided the AQI scale into six categories, shown below. You can track the daily AQI rating by going to phila.gov/aqi.

AIR QUALITY INDEX (AQI) VALUES	LEVELS OF HEALTH CONCERN	COLORS
When the AQI is in this range:	...air quality conditions are:	...as symbolized by this color:
0 to 50	Good	Green
51 to 100	Moderate	Yellow
101 to 150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Orange
151 to 200	Unhealthy	Red
201 to 300	Very Unhealthy	Purple
301 to 500	Hazardous	Maroon





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CLEAN AND EFFICIENT ENERGY

All Philadelphians efficiently use clean energy that they can afford

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What Communities Can Do

ENERGY REDUCTION AND CLEAN ENERGY

- ☐ **Educate neighbors about energy efficiency:** Invite speakers from utilities, non-profits, or the City to share resources available to the community to help reduce energy use.
 - Office of Sustainability  phila.gov/green
 - PGW Energysense  pgwenergysense.com
 -  215-686-3495
 -  855-749-7658
 - PECO Rebates  PECO Rebates
 - Energy Coordinating Agency  ecasavesenergy.org
 -  888-259-9125
- ☐ **Share information about Neighborhood Energy Centers:** Encourage residents to visit these centers to receive budget counseling, sign up for conservation or home repair programs, and obtain utility payment assistance support.
 -  [Go to Neighborhood Energy Center webpage.](#)
- ☐ **Use zoning reviews to find out about efficiency of new developments:** When reviewing potential development in your community, ask whether new buildings will exceed the required energy code or meet high-efficiency standards like LEED or Passive House.
- ☐ **Explore rooftop solar:** Reduce your carbon footprint, save on electricity bills, and help create clean energy jobs by going solar at home with Solarize Philly, a city-wide initiative to help all Philadelphians go solar. Buildings in your neighborhood may be able to host solar panels, allowing you direct access to clean energy.
 - SOLARrooftops Application:
 -  [Go to SOLARrooftops website](#)
 - Go solar with Solarize Philly:
 -  solarizephilly.org
- ☐ **Coordinate white roof coating:** White roofs can reduce energy costs and keep homes cool as our climate changes. Work together with your neighbors to secure a single contractor to cover a whole block at once to reduce the cost of white roof coating.



VISION 04





CLIMATE PREPARED AND CARBON NEUTRAL COMMUNITIES

All Philadelphians are prepared for climate change and reduce carbon pollution








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What Communities Can Do

CLIMATE PREPARED

- ☐ **Be a good neighbor:** Check on elderly or vulnerable neighbors during extreme weather.
- ☐ **Understand how the City of Philadelphia is preparing:** Learn about the City's plans to prepare for and adapt to climate change and help improve community climate resilience by checking out these resources:
 - Read the City's first climate adaptation report, Growing Stronger:
 -  phila.gov/media/20160504162056/Growing-Stronger-Toward-a-Climate-Ready-Philadelphia.pdf
 - Read the City's Climate Action Playbook, a one-stop resource detailing the steps Philadelphia is taking to reduce emissions and adapt to a hotter, wetter future:
 -  phila.gov/media/20210113125627/Philadelphia-Climate-Action-Playbook.pdf
 - Learn how to tackle urban heat and build climate resilience in your neighborhood with the Beat the Heat Toolkit:
 -  phila.gov/departments/office-of-sustainability/beat-the-heat-toolkit/
- ☐ **Host a community preparedness workshop:** The Office of Emergency Management can help you create neighborhood emergency plans that are relevant and specific to your community.
 -  phila.gov/departments/oem/programs/preparedness-workshops/

CARBON NEUTRAL

- ☐ **Explore rooftop solar:** Reduce your carbon footprint, save on electricity bills, and help create clean energy jobs by going solar at home with Solarize Philly, a city-wide initiative to help all Philadelphians go solar. Buildings in your neighborhood may be able to host solar panels, allowing you direct access to clean energy.
 - Go solar with Solarize Philly:
 -  solarizephilly.org
- ☐ **Coordinate to bulk purchase products and services such as solar panels, white roof coating, and energy auditing services:** You may get a discount if a large number of homes in one area negotiate a deal.
- ☐ **Educate neighbors about energy efficiency:** Invite speakers from utilities, non-profits, or the City to share resources available to the community to help reduce energy use.
 - Office of Sustainability
 -  phila.gov/green
 -  215-686-3495
 - PECO Rebates
 -  [PECO Rebates](#)
 -  888-259-9125.
 - PGW Energysense
 -  pgwenergysense.com
 -  855-749-7658
 - Energy Coordinating Agency
 -  ecasavesenergy.org
- ☐ **Share information about Neighborhood Energy Centers:** Encourage residents to visit these centers to receive budget counseling, sign up for conservation or home repair programs, and obtain utility payment assistance support.
 -  [Go to Neighborhood Energy Center webpage.](#)



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Communities

RESILIENT COMMUNITY

worksheet

A resilient community uses its neighborhood connections, skills, and resources to prepare for, respond to, and bounce back quickly after an emergency. A resilient community requires a combination of household preparedness, community connection, and support from City agencies. Connecting with local organizations and knowing what resources your community and the City offer are great first steps to becoming resilient.

Fill out the tables below to begin connecting your neighborhood resources with local needs.

What neighbors may need help before, during, or after extreme weather?

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE



NAME	HELP NEEDED	WHO CAN CHECK IN ON THEM

What skills and resources do neighbors have that may be helpful before, during, or after extreme weather?

NAME	SKILL OR RESOURCE	CONTACT INFORMATION

Are there local businesses or organizations that could provide help before, during, or after extreme weather?

ORGANIZATION OR BUSINESS NAME	WHAT THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE	CONTACT INFORMATION



VISION 05

QUALITY NATURAL RESOURCES

Philadelphians benefit from parks, trees, stormwater management, and healthy waterways

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What Communities Can Do




PARKS



TREES




WATER

- ☐ **Help maintain green infrastructure:** Apply for a Soak It Up Adoption grant to maintain the beauty and functionality of green infrastructure in your neighborhood. 


 water.phila.gov/adoption/

- Green Schools: Stormwater management systems reduce campus runoff and can serve as outdoor classrooms.


 [Transforming Schoolyards Guide](#)

- ☐ **Keep litter out of drains:** Sign up for the Philadelphia Storm Drain marking project to keep residents from putting litter in storm drains. 

 markingapp.philadelphiawater.org/new-event-request


- ☐ **Love your park:** Create or support a “friends of” park group in your community. 

- “Friends of” groups List:

 phila.gov/departments/philadelphia-parks-recreation/get-involved/park-friends-groups/park-friends-group-list/

- Toolkit for starting and maintaining a “friends of” group:

 [Philadelphia Park Friends Group Toolkit](#)




- ☐ **Plant and maintain trees:** Organize neighbors to take Tree Tenders training and plant and maintain trees in your community. 

 phsonline.org/programs/tree-tenders

 215-988-1698

- ☐ **Host a community yard tree giveaway.** Host a community yard tree giveaway event through TreePhilly. 

 treephilly.org

- ☐ **Promote local natural resources:** Encourage residents to use and become stewards of your neighborhood's parks, trees, green infrastructure, and waterways.   



TREEPHILLY COMMUNITY YARD TREE GIVEAWAY

The TreePhilly Community Yard Tree Giveaway program provides small grants to local community groups so they can host yard tree giveaways in their neighborhood. Visit treephilly.org or call 215-683-0217 to learn more.



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VISION 06

ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE, AND SAFE TRANSPORTATION

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What Communities Can Do

- ☐ **Advocate for accessibility during the zoning process:** Support transit, bike, and pedestrian accessibility when reviewing proposed developments.
- ☐ **Explore bulk purchasing of sidewalk repair:** Reduce the cost of sidewalk repairs by pooling resources with neighbors.
- ☐ **Host transit-accessible events:** Choose event locations that are close to public transportation.
- ☐ **Maintain your sidewalks:** Property owners are required to maintain safe and accessible sidewalks.
- ☐ **Report unsafe road or sidewalk conditions:** Submit issues such as potholes, unsafe roads, and hazardous sidewalk conditions.
 -  phila.gov/311
 -  Call 3-1-1
- ☐ **Educate youth on pedestrian and bicycle safety with Safe Routes Philly:** Philadelphia's youth bicycle and pedestrian safety education program provides materials to support traffic safety education inside and outside of the classroom.
 -  phila.gov/programs/safe-routes-philly/
- ☐ **Participate in Philly Free Streets:** Take part in the City initiative that closes Philly streets to cars, inviting people to walk, bike, and play.
 -  phillyfreestreeets.com
- ☐ **Promote the City's bike network:** Share the Philadelphia bicycle map which includes information about the City's bike lanes, trails, bike routes, and bike share stations.
 -  [Philadelphia Bicycle Map](#)
- ☐ **Encourage residents to use the Indego bike share program/request that a station be added in your neighborhood:** Residents can sign up for the City's bike share program, Indego, which provides self-service bikes at stations throughout the city: rideindego.com, 844-446-3346.



COMPLETE STREETS RESOURCES

Philadelphia's COMPLETE STREETS website (phillyotis.com/portfolio-item/complete-streets/) can help you learn more about how to make your community's streets safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. The site also enables communities to apply for parklets, pedestrian plazas, and Indego stations.





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ZERO WASTE

All Philadelphians waste less and keep our neighborhoods clean

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What Communities Can Do

TRASH AND RECYCLING

- ☐ **Compost at your community garden or other neighborhood site:** Help divert food and yard waste from the waste stream by composting in your neighborhood.

- ☐ **Create a plan for unused food:** Make sure that leftover food is donated to those in need, or composted if it is no longer edible.

 savethefood.com

- ☐ **Minimize waste at community events:** Reduce waste generated and capture as much as possible for composting or recycling.

- ☐ **Recycle right:** Help your neighbors if they have any questions about curbside recycling or how to recycle or donate household items.

 philadelphiastreet.com/recycling/how-to-recycle

 [Recycling and Donation Finder](#)

 [Disposal, Recycling, and Donation Options](#)

 phila.gov/311

 Call 3-1-1

- Request a vacant lot cleanup.

 phila.gov/programs/vacant-lot-program/

- Set an example for others, especially co-workers, friends, and children by using receptacles and not littering.

 keepphiladelphiabeautiful.org

- ☐ **Help your neighbors learn about the City's Sanitation Convenience Centers:** The City's six sanitation convenience centers allow you to drop off items such as tires, appliances, e-waste, mattresses, or yard waste.

 [Find a Sanitation Convenience Center](#)

- ☐ **Share information about Household Hazardous Waste events:** Spread the word about the Streets Department's Household Hazardous Waste events.

 [Household Hazardous Waste Dropoff Events](#)

- ☐ **Request cleanup supplies:** The Community Partnership Program (CPP) loans equipment and supplies for cleanup events and also coordinates bagged trash pickup after.

 [Cleanup Supply Request Form](#)

- ☐ **Participate in the Philly Spring Cleanup:** Offer to volunteer or sponsor a cleanup in your neighborhood.

 psc.philadelphiastreet.com

GET INVOLVED

- ☐ Contact your Philadelphia More Beautiful Committee (PMBC) Officer: Learn how to participate as a Block Captain, invite a SWEEP officer to your next event, or find out if your block is hosting upcoming cleanups.

 phila.gov/programs/philadelphia-more-beautiful-committee/

- ☐ **Create a community where litter is unacceptable:**

- Report illegal dumping or other sanitation code violations.



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ENGAGED STUDENTS, STEWARDS, AND WORKERS

All Philadelphians benefit from sustainability education, employment, and business opportunities

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What Communities Can Do

EDUCATE COMMUNITY MEMBERS ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY

- ☐ **Follow and share Greenworks news on social media.**
 - Twitter and Instagram: @GreenworksPhila
 - Facebook: facebook.com/greenworksphila/
- ☐ **Host workshops to educate neighbors about sustainability resources.**
- ☐ **Invite Air Management Services to speak about how your community can improve air quality.**
 - [Air Management Resources](#)
 - 215-685-7586
- ☐ **Share information about job opportunities in the sustainability field.**
 - Job openings with the City of Philadelphia:
 - phila.gov/personnel/jobopps.html
 - Job openings with SEPTA:
 - jobs.septa.org
 - Jobs, internships, and organizations in the sustainability field:
 - www.idealists.org
 - Guide to green jobs and volunteer opportunities (jump to page 21):
 - [Green Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities Guide](#)

ORGANIZE SUSTAINABILITY STEWARDS

- ☐ **Apply for a Soak It Up Adoption grant to maintain the beauty and functionality of green infrastructure in your neighborhood.**
 - water.phila.gov/adoption/
- ☐ **Compost at your community garden or other neighborhood site.**
- ☐ **Recycle right:** Help your neighbors if they have any questions about recycling or trash set out, and direct them to the Streets Department's website to learn how to recycle properly.
 - philadelphiastreet.com/recycling/how-to-recycle
- ☐ **Join or organize a Tree Tenders group in your community.**
 - phsonline.org/programs/tree-tenders
 - 215-988-1698
- ☐ **Start a community garden.**
 - phsonline.org/programs/garden-tenders
- ☐ **Start or maintain a "friends of" park group.**
 - phila.gov/departments/philadelphia-parks-recreation/get-involved/park-friends-groups/park-friends-group-list/
- ☐ **Nominate a block captain:** Help keep your neighborhood clean by organizing and electing a block captain through the Philadelphia More Beautiful Committee.
 - phila.gov/services/trash-recycling-city-upkeep/become-a-block-captain/



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