

Green Living Challenge

Challenge yourself and your household to make one or more of the following lifestyle changes in 2007. Earn “green points” for yourself and your neighborhood! One hundred points will earn you certification as a green household—and will help make Arlington a healthier, more sustainable community.

Actions	Possible Points	Points for What I'm Already Doing	2007 Actions
Change the most frequently used light bulb(s) in your residence to compact fluorescent (up to 5 bulbs with one point per bulb).	5		
Register with the Direct Marketing Association's Mail Preference Service to reduce your junk mail.	5		
Use a reusable mug when purchasing coffee or tea.	5		
Switch to “green” cleaning products.	5		
Join a carsharing company.	5		
Buy renewable energy credits (e.g. wind power) equivalent to at least 50% of your electricity usage.	10		
Grasscycle and/or compost your lawn clippings and yard waste.	10		
Eat a locally grown, organic, and/or meatless ingredient meal twice a week.	10		
Replace a gas-powered lawn mower with a push mower or electric mower.	10		
Create a wildlife habitat and certify it with the National Wildlife Federation.	15		
Plant a tree in a school or park (with permission) or your yard.	15		
Recycle all bottles, cans, and mixed paper accepted in your recycling program at least three times a month.	15		
Don't drive one day a week (use public transportation, bike, carpool, or telecommute).	15		
Conduct an energy audit in your residence and implement at least one recommended item to improve energy efficiency.	15		
Install rain barrel(s) or a cistern (15 points for a cistern and 5 points per rain barrel up to 3 rain barrels).	15		
Live in a multi-family apartment or condominium unit (bonus for promoting denser residential areas).	35		
Total ¹ :	190		

¹ – You only need to record points for actions you're already doing if you're applying for a Green Living Certificate.

**The Green Living Challenge is presented in partnership
by Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment and Arlington County**



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Contact Information and Pledge

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Participating as a family: Yes No

Street Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I live in a(n):

Apartment Condominium Duplex/townhouse Single-family house

Civic Association: _____

I/we certify that all the information presented is accurate. I/we completed the new actions listed between January 1 and October 31, 2007. I/we have documentation (a receipt or photograph) of each new action where applicable, that I/we will provide upon request.

If you are applying for the Green Living Certificate, please list the name you'd like on the certificate:

Instructions and Rules

Individual/Family Challenge:

Individual and family participants must reside in Arlington County. There are two ways for individuals and families to participate, and you can do one or both:

- **Get Certified:** Individuals and families who accumulate 100 points by October 31, including points for both actions you've already been doing and any new actions, will receive Arlington County's Green Living Certificate.
- **Compete for Prizes:** Everyone entering the challenge and completing any number of new actions will be eligible for the grand prize drawing in early November. All participants must complete the challenge and submit a completed application by October 31, 2007 to be eligible for the grand prize drawing and for individual/family points to count towards the neighborhood challenge. Families may work together to complete actions, but they can only submit one challenge form.

Register early! There will also be a prize drawing at the end of each month from January through September, and all participants registered for the challenge will be entered in these monthly drawings.

Neighborhood Challenge: Points for new actions completed by all participants will be totaled for each Arlington civic association neighborhood. The points will be used to determine the greenest neighborhoods in Arlington with prizes for the civic association with the most points and the civic association with the most points per square mile. Points from apartment and condo dwellers not formally included in a civic association will be included in the civic association closest geographically.

Register and complete the challenge form online at www.arlingtonenvironment.org, or mail the form to ACE, 2700 S. Taylor Street, Arlington, VA 22206. All forms must be sent or postmarked by October 31, 2007.