



The Chicago Climate Action Plan (CCAP) is Chicago’s roadmap for addressing climate change. A dynamic plan for the entire city, CCAP outlines specific strategies and actions for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate changes already underway. Everyone has a role to play. Below is a brief list of city programs and services available to residents who want to do their part and help make CCAP a success.

# The Chicago Climate Action Plan

## Get Involved: Five Strategies for Success

### CCAP’S FIVE STRATEGIES

- 1 Energy Efficient Buildings
- 2 Clean & Renewable Energy Sources
- 3 Improved Transportation Options
- 4 Reduced Waste & Industrial Pollution
- 5 Adaptation



More than 21 community-based organizations participate in the Chicago Energy Action Network

### 1: ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

Visit a **Chicago Energy Action Network** center to apply for utility assistance (LIHEAP) and energy efficiency (IHWAP) programs. Eligibility restrictions apply. *Contact the Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County (800) 571-CEDA(2332); Mon-Fri 8a.m.- 6p.m.*

**Greencorps Chicago’s Weatherization Program** performs energy efficiency improvements for low to moderate income households. (312) 746-9777; [www.cityofchicago.org](http://www.cityofchicago.org).

If you own a multi-family building with five or more units that are affordable to low-income renters, the **Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) Energy Savers Program** provides grants and financing options for energy efficiency improvements. (773) 278-4800; [www.cntenergy.org](http://www.cntenergy.org).

Learn how to weatherize your home with the **Low-Cost Weatherization and Education Program**. Attend a workshop and receive a free weatherization kit. [www.chicagoconservationcorps.org/blog/eventcalendar](http://www.chicagoconservationcorps.org/blog/eventcalendar).

The **Green Office Challenge** helps office managers and building owners in Chicago’s central business district identify ways to save energy, conserve water and minimize waste in the office. (312) 742-0153; [www.chicagogreenofficechallenge.org](http://www.chicagogreenofficechallenge.org); [greenofficechallenge@cityofchicago.org](mailto:greenofficechallenge@cityofchicago.org);

Save water and money by participating in **MeterSave**, a program offered by the Chicago Department of Water Management to Chicago homeowners without water meters to voluntarily install one in their home. Participants receive a 7-year guarantee that their new home water bills will not exceed their previously unmetered bills. (312) 744-4H2O (4426); [www.metersave.org](http://www.metersave.org);

### 2: CLEAN & RENEWABLE ENERGY

Participate in the **Chicago Area Clean Cities Coalition**, a voluntary organization dedicated to the U.S. Department of Energy’s Clean Cities mission to reduce our dependence on petroleum and promote clean air in the Chicago metropolitan area. [www.chicagocleancities.org](http://www.chicagocleancities.org)

Join **Partners for Clean Air** and sign-up to receive air quality updates. Participate in the Green Pays on Green Days program for a chance to win a new hybrid vehicle. [www.cleantheair.org](http://www.cleantheair.org).

### 3: IMPROVED TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

The **RTA/CTA Transit Benefit Fare Program** allows employees to pay for their transit rides using pre-tax dollars—up to \$230 per month. Check with your employer to participate or encourage them to enroll in the program. (800) 531-2828, Mon-Fri 7a.m.-7p.m.; <http://lesstaxingcommute.com>

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## 4: REDUCED WASTE & INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION

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**A resident drops off computer components at the Household Chemicals and Computer Recycling Facility, 1150 N. North Branch.**

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**A DOE staff person answers a resident's question about green building materials at CCGT's Resource Center.**

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Participate in the City's **Blue Cart Recycling Program**. Use the blue bin provided if you live in a blue cart area or take your recyclables to one of 30 residential drop-off centers managed by the City. [www.chicagorecycles.org](http://www.chicagorecycles.org).

Establish or improve a recycling program in your multi-family building with the **Multi-family Building Recycling Toolkit**. Download it for free at [www.chicagorecycles.org](http://www.chicagorecycles.org).

Become a **Recycling Block Captain** and help support recycling in Chicago by spreading the word about recycling related activities and events to your neighbors. [www.chicagorecycles.org](http://www.chicagorecycles.org); (312) 744-5702.

Dispose of household chemicals, computer-related items and compact fluorescent lightbulbs responsibly at the **Household Chemicals and Computer Recycling Facility**. 1150 N. North Branch on Goose Island. Open Tues 7 a.m.-12 p.m.; Thurs 2-7 p.m. and first Sat of every month 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; (312) 744-7672.

Bring your unused or expired **prescription and over-the-counter medications** to one of five Chicago Area Police Stations for proper disposal. Available 24 hours a day. Area 1 (5101 S. Wentworth Ave.); Area 2 (727 E. 111th St.); Area 3 (2452 W. Belmont Ave.); Area 4 (3151 W. Harrison St.); and Area 5 (5555 W. Grand Ave.); (312) 744-7672.

Report illegal dumping, hazardous materials cleanup and noise **complaints** to the Chicago Department of Environment. Field inspectors are on duty Mon-Fri 6 a.m.-12 a.m. (312) 744-7672.

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## 5: ADAPTATION

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**Greencorps Chicago** offers workshops, plant materials, technical assistance and training to certified garden groups working in a public space. (312) 744-8691; [greencorps@cityofchicago.org](mailto:greencorps@cityofchicago.org).

The **Chicago Rain Barrel & Compost Bin Programs** are offered by the City to

encourage water conservation, stormwater management and waste reduction. Sign up to be added to their mailing list. (312)743-9283; [rainbarrel@cityofchicago.org](mailto:rainbarrel@cityofchicago.org).

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## ENGAGEMENT

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Visit the **Chicago Center for Green Technology** (CCGT) to learn about sustainability and eco-friendly living. Take a tour, browse through samples of environmentally-friendly building and design materials, reference materials and more at the Green Tech Resource Center or sign up for a free educational workshop offered through the Green Tech U Program. 445 North Sacramento Blvd. CCGT is open Mon, Wed and Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tues and Thurs 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Sat 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed on Sun and public holidays. (312) 746-9642; [greentech@cityofchicago.org](mailto:greentech@cityofchicago.org) [www.cityofchicago.org/Environment/GreenTech](http://www.cityofchicago.org/Environment/GreenTech).

Adult city residents can apply to the **Chicago Conservation Corps' (C3) Environmental Leadership Training** program. After attending a five class series in the spring or fall, C3 Leaders go on to develop environmental service projects in their communities with support from C3 staff. (312) 743-9283; [conservation@cityofchicago.org](mailto:conservation@cityofchicago.org); [www.chicagoconservationcorps.org](http://www.chicagoconservationcorps.org).

Chicago 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students can participate in after-school conservation clubs through the **C3 Student Clubs** program. Teacher club coordinators must attend orientations in April and apply to be accepted into the program for the next school year. (312) 743-9283; [conservation@cityofchicago.org](mailto:conservation@cityofchicago.org); [www.chicagoconservationcorps.org](http://www.chicagoconservationcorps.org).

Any city resident can participate in a single conservation event or opportunity through the **C3 Explorer Track**. [www.chicagoconservationcorps.org/c3-project-calendar](http://www.chicagoconservationcorps.org/c3-project-calendar); (312) 743-9283.

To learn more about these programs and the Chicago Climate Action Plan, visit our website at [www.chicagoclimateaction.org](http://www.chicagoclimateaction.org).



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