

UII's EARTH POINTS PROGRAM

Websites that will help in your Personal Journey to Environmental Stewardship

This is not intended to be a comprehensive list. Know a good website?

Let the GSTF know and we will add it to this list.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Indiana Department of Environmental Management—Steps You Can Take for a Cleaner

Environment: www.in.gov/idem/your_environment/

United States Environmental Protection Agency: www.epa.gov

Sierra Club: www.sierraclub.org

Environmental Defense Fund: www.environmentaldefense.org

Green Home Guide (a website with information about environmentally friendly home products and services): www.greenhomeguide.com

Co-op America, Economic Action for a Just Planet (Great overall site for environmental products and ideas): www.coopamerica.org/

Practices and Products for an Environmentally Sustainable Home, Workplace and Life:
www.fwhorch.com

Pew Center on Global Climate Change: www.pewclimate.org

Ecology House of Indianapolis: www.ecologyhouse.org

The Earth Charter: www.earthcharter.org

An Inconvenient Truth: www.climatecrisis.org

United Nations Environment Programme on Climate Change: www.climatechange.unep.net

Friends of the Earth: www.foe.co.uk

Earthlings' Handbook (a guide to gentle living): www.earthlingshandbook.org/contents#environment

Sustainable Indiana (website of Earth Charter Indiana that lists projects and resources for sustainable living): <http://sustindy2016.wetpaint.com/>

Women's Health and the Environment Website and Toolkit: www.womenshealthandenvironment.org.
Comprehensive guide to healthier products, practices and environmental activism.

WASTE REDUCTION

Junk Mail

There are a number of sites that can help you get off third class (junk) mail lists:

www.junkbusters.com/ht/en/self.html (Scroll down to The Direct Marketing Association's Mail Preference Service. They give you a link to take action online, and an address to write to:
Must send \$1)

www.newdream.org/junkmail/form.php

www.greendimes.com/

Composting

www.compostguide.com/

RECYCLING

Everything - This will tell you everything there is to know for the Indianapolis area.

http://www.kibi.org/recycle/recycling_reuse_options.htm

Tox drop locations - Note that button batteries and compact fluorescent bulbs can be taken to

www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/Residential/Recycling/tox-drops.htm

Batteries Plus, 4435 Lafayette Road, will recycle ALL types of batteries.

RECYCLING (continued)

Indianapolis Recycled Fiber - 1775 S. West Street, Phone: 317-634-7571 (M-F 7:30-4:00);

This company will recycle #3 thru #7 plastics They also recycle cardboard.

They do not have a web page.

Cardboard can also be recycled at 96th Transfer Station, a division of Republic Services, 4935 Robison Road, 872-5492, M-F 5am-5pm and Sat 5am-11am.

Styrofoam packaging peanuts will be recycled at any participating UPS store.

Start Paper Recycling to Benefit a Nonprofit

Abitibi: www.paperretriever.com/

Buy Recycled Products (office supplies and paper products)

www.treecycle.com/

www.recycledproducts.org/ (a coop)

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

General Information:

For information about all energy use:

www.energystar.gov

www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/your_home/

Green Power;

For information about Indianapolis' Power and Light's green power option:

<http://www.aes.com/ipl/index?page=IPLGeneral&Menu=01050300&DocID=0205016c986701096a4e980307c1f> Or you may call (317) 261-8222, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Home Insulation:

www.indianapolishomeimprovement.com/news.cfm/Article/43311/The-Importance-Of-House-Insulation.html

Water Heaters:

Innovative Insulation, Inc. www.radiantbarrier.com/water_heater.htm or 800-825-0123

Programmable Thermostats:

www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=thermostats.pr_thermostats

Compact Fluorescent light bulbs: www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=cfls.pr_cfls

Remember, saving energy prevents pollution. When you use less energy at home, you lessen greenhouse gas emissions in our atmosphere. Every CFL can prevent more than 450 pounds of emissions from a power plant over its lifetime.

Air Drying Laundry:

www.earthlingshandbook.org/laundry

Solar Panels:

www.solarpanelinfo.com/

Furnace care:

www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/info/homes/heatingenergyuse.html

Storm Windows:

www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/your_home/ (bottom of page)

Buy Locally:

<http://sustindy2016.wetpaint.com/page/Organic+Farming>

www.sustainabletable.org/issues/buylocal/

www.localharvest.org/organic-farms/

Indiana Farmers' Markets: gourmetfood.about.com/od/indiana/Indiana.htm

TRANSPORTATION**Green cars**

www.hybridcars.com/

http://autos.yahoo.com/green_center/

Hybrid Mileage Database

www.greenhybrid.com/

Energy Conservation on cars

www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/maintain.shtml

Driving Efficiently

www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/maintain.shtml

Local public transportation and carpooling

IndyGo: www.indygo.net/

Central Indiana Commuter Services (carpool matching service): www.centralincommuter.net/

Roadside assistance and other travel assistance

Better World Club (alternative to AAA): www.betterworldclub.com/

EDUCATE YOURSELF AND OTHERS

There are many ways you can learn more. Here are just a few suggest

See Al Gore's movie [An Inconvenient Truth](#)

Read David Korten's book [The Great Turning](#)

Read David Gershon's book [Low Carbon Diet](#)

Persuade a friend to recycle/reduce waste

Write a letter on an environmental issue to a federal, state or local official

Toxic Chemicals: Find out about toxic chemicals at

1) Toxnet, the Toxicology Data Network sponsored by the United States National Library of Medicine: <http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/>

2) Scorecard: The Pollution Information Site, sponsored by Green Media Toolshed (<http://www.greenmediatoolshed.org/>). This site will give information about specific chemicals and

information about emissions of chemicals in Indiana and other states:

<http://www.scorecard.org/chemical-profiles/>

3) California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment: <http://www.oehha.org/air.html>

TAKING CARE OF THE OUTDOORS

Composting

www.compostguide.com/

Plant a garden

www.thefarm.org/charities/i4at/lib2/howgardn.htm

Purdue Master Gardener Program: www.hort.purdue.edu/mg/

Indiana Organic Gardeners: <http://www.gardeningnaturally.org/>

Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society: www.inpaws.org/

Plant a tree

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful: www.kibi.org/

REDUCE WATER USE

Reduce water use

www.greenhouse.gov.au/yourhome/technical/fs21.htm

www.environment-agency.gov.uk/subjects/waterres/286587/?lang=e&version=1

www.amwater.com/awpr1/newsroom/press_releases/page7627.html (water use in the winter)

www.nahbrc.org/greenguidelines/userguide_water_indoor.html (Green home building guidelines for water use)

List your own favorite websites below: