

Tour of Green Street, Michigan

Thanks for taking the time to learn about the stewardship practices on Green Street.

Now it is your turn!

Think about what you are doing at home, and what changes you can make to turn *your* street into Green Street. What other practices can you do that are not already listed?



| Already Doing | Ready to Start! | Stewardship Practice |
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| ✓ | ✓ | As seen in Senor Alberto Agua's yard: |
| | | Rain Barrel – collect stormwater to use in your yard and conserve water |
| | | Efficient Watering – drip line directly to plants so water is never wasted |
| | | Tree Planting – save energy costs by cooling yard and home with trees and make oxygen! |
| | | Vegetable Gardening – delicious and nutritious! |
| | | Vegetation Buffer by Water – no mow zone prevents contaminants from entering surface water |
| | | As seen in Ms. Nyoko Natural's yard: |
| | | Native Trees – provide shelter and food (habitat) for native wildlife species |
| | | Beneficial Insects – control unwanted pests naturally |
| | | Native Shrubs – provide good food sources and shelter (habitat) for native wildlife species |
| | | Composting – recycling yard waste such as leaves and grass clippings to nourish plants |
| | | Native Flowers – perfect for pollinators and are beautiful, drought tolerant and low maintenance |
| | | As seen in Miss Chollena Feather's yard: |
| | | Provide Wildlife Habitat – include food, water, shelter and space for wildlife in your yard |
| | | Provide Wildlife Food – native plants provide good food sources as well as bird seed |
| | | Habitat for Birds – visit Michigan Audubon's website for more info: www.michiganaudubon.org |
| | | Beneficial Insects – pollinators are beneficial insects too so remember that bees are good guys! |
| | | As Seen in Mr. Bruce Wayne's yard: |
| | | Bat Houses – bats need homes like you and they will keep insect populations down in your yard |
| | | IPM – use the practices of integrated pest management in your yard and in your home |
| | | Unwanted Wildlife – put plant barriers out for species you don't want in your yard like deer |
| | | Right Plant in the Right Place – before planting, make sure the plant is suited for its new home |
| | | As seen in Superintendent Kakar Blade's yard: |
| | | Mowing – never cut more than 1/3 of the grass blade off at any time and keep grass at 3.5 inches |
| | | Aerate – give your turfgrass some air to grow thicker and keep moss away at the same time |
| | | Seed/Overseed – if you have bare soil or wear spots in your lawn then plant some more seed |
| | | Soil Test – don't guess! Know exactly the nutrients your yard needs and provide the right fertilizer |
| | | Fertilize – measure the size of your lawn to know how much fertilizer AND follow label directions |
| | | Grass Clippings – leave them on your lawn when you mow for free fertilizer that is natural! |
| | | <i>More stewardship practices - try some of these and fill in more of your own!</i> |
| | | Rain Garden – plant in a low area of yard or at the end of a downspout from your roof |
| | | Fertilizer – sweep back onto your lawn and don't leave on sidewalks or the street |
| | | Water Conservation – wash your car or bike on your lawn instead of the driveway or street |
| | | Animal Waste – clean up after your pets and properly dispose of waste so it stays out of our water |
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