

METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS GREENEST REGION COMPACT OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

Mayors in metropolitan Chicago commit to (1) set environmental goals within our communities, and (2) implement at least 7 strategies that support the achievement of those goals, including 3 Priority Strategies identified by the Caucus' Environmental Committee. Des Plaines, Warrenville, Flossmoor, Lincolnwood, West Chicago, and Riverdale have signed the Compact.

Priority Strategy 1: Promote residential water conservation practices.

Goal: *Measurably reduce the amount of water used by 15% below 2000 water consumption levels by 2015.* Potential Adaptation Actions:

1. Educate residents to increase their knowledge of water saving practices.
2. Provide information on simple ways to save water.
3. Enact sprinkler and outdoor water usage ordinances.
4. Promote use of rain barrels.
5. Encourage use of aerators on water faucets.
6. Repair or replace leaking municipal water mains.
7. Encourage residents to install water meters and check for household leaks.
8. Provide financial incentives to encourage behavioral changes.
9. Encourage xeriscaping – a set of landscape design principles which minimize water usage.
10. Incorporate conservation practices into new development guidelines and incentives, such as for low-flow toilets and showerheads and higher efficiency appliances.
11. Any additional strategy identified by a municipality that is compatible with its environmental goals.

Priority Strategy 2: Enact E-Waste Recycling Programs

Goal: *Measurably decrease the amount of electronic waste collected by curbside waste haulers.* Potential Adaptation Actions:

1. Develop an e-waste recycling program.
2. Provide information to residents on the hazards of improper disposal of e-waste and the environmental benefits of recycling e-waste.
3. Host, sponsor or advertise at least one e-waste recycling event annually.
4. Donate used equipment to schools, libraries, non-profits, etc.
5. Any additional strategy identified by a municipality that is compatible with its environmental goals.

Priority Strategy 3: Participate in the Northern Illinois Energy Project's Residential Lighting Program.

Goal: *Reduce residential energy consumption by encouraging the use of Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs.* Potential Adaptation Actions:

1. Partner with the Northern Illinois Energy Project to offer free, or discounted, CFL light bulbs to residents.
2. Any additional strategy identified by a municipality that is compatible with its environmental goals.