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What is the Eco-Friendly Neighbor Program?

Eco-Friendly Neighbor is an educational program of the Muskegon Conservation District (MCD) for residents interested in reducing harmful impacts on the environment caused by everyday household practices. Members of the Eco-Friendly Neighbor Program will receive information and support from MCD staff to increase their awareness of environmental issues and their level of involvement in eco-friendly practices.

How does the program work?

After receiving a membership packet of helpful information about basic eco-friendly practices for the household, members will have the option to complete an “Eco-Audit” with MCD staff. During this informal interview we will help you identify current household practices that may have a negative impact on personal and environmental health. MCD staff will work with you to develop an Action Plan with goals and a timeline for reducing these negative impacts.

Each time you implement a new earth-friendly practice from your Action Plan, you will earn points toward increasing your Eco-Friendly Neighbor Level. As you attain the required points for each level, you also earn a reward that will help you on your way to a more environmentally-responsible lifestyle.

What household practices are addressed through the program?

The Eco-Friendly Neighbor Program addresses practices relating to conserving water and energy, reducing waste, responsible lawn and garden care, proper management of toxic products in the home, care of wells and septic systems, creating backyard wildlife habitat and using native plants, preventing stormwater pollution, the benefits of buying local, responsible car care practices, and more.

Who can become a member?

Any Muskegon County resident may sign up for the Eco-Friendly Neighbor Program. Whether you live in a house or in an apartment, in town or out in the country, there are specific actions that you can take to create a healthier and more environmentally-responsible home.

What does the program cost?

Eco-Friendly Neighbor is a free educational program, courtesy of the Muskegon Conservation District.

How do I enroll?

Contact Erin Charles at the Muskegon Conservation District (231-773-0008 or erin.charles@macd.org). Enrollment forms are also available at www.muskegoncd.org.