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Citizens Guide to Sustainability and Resiliency

for residents, businesses, and visitors of the City of North Miami



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The History of Earth Day

Earth Day marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement that launched in 1970. The first Earth Day led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of several environmental laws including: the National Environmental Education Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Clean Air Act, the Endangered Species Act and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.

Earth Day is especially significant to the City of North Miami as the city is situated in a sub-tropical zone and prone to climate shocks and stressors. The mission of the Sustainability Division of the City of North Miami is to provide residents with the tools to building a more sustainable and resilient municipality. For the city's guide to sustainability and resilience please use link below.

<https://www.northmiamifl.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8362/Citizens-Guide-to-Sustainability-and-Resiliency-PDF?bidId=>

The Importance of Trees

Trees beautify the urban landscape and provide shade for sidewalks. They help keep our city cool thus reducing monthly utility costs. More importantly, trees help manage storm water runoff by absorbing moisture through its roots system. Trees are an important tool to reduce flooding in neighborhoods. So go ahead and hug a tree!

Contact your Sustainability Administrator or City Arborist for information on tree giveaways or to suggest a tree planting site.

7 tips to make Earth Day every day

- **Go plant-based:**

Making 1-2 of your meals vegan everyday will reduce your carbon footprint since animal agriculture has a huge impact on climate change.

- **Walk, bike or take public transit when you can**

These activities are great for your health and may help reconnect to nature, the city and your community while reducing the amount of fossil fuel burned.

- **Recycle better**

Make sure recyclable items are clean and don't recycle anything smaller than a credit card such as straws and bottle caps. Avoiding using disposable items by using reusable bottles, straws and cutlery helps to reduce the amount of waste generated. Buy bulk when you can!

- **Use a Reusable Bag**

Some grocers offer to recycle plastic bags, but it's best to avoid using them at all. Plastic bags have a lifespan of up to a 1000 years in landfills. Call the sustainability office for a free reusable tote!

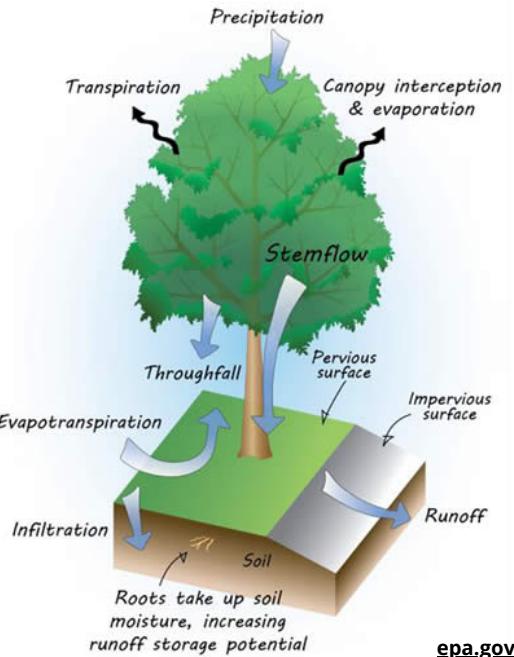
- **Take a staycation**

Airplanes generate a ton of emissions. Maybe 2022 is the year to finally see local landmarks and parks such as the luscious 22-acre Enchanted Forest Park.

- **Go vintage**

Consider buying gently used products such as clothing and furniture. Support your local Goodwill, Salvation Army and Thrift stores.

"What we are doing to the forests of the world is but a mirror reflection of what we are doing to ourselves and to one another." – Mahatma Gandhi



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Every 2nd Saturday of the month

REGISTRATION: 8:00 a.m. Ride will depart at 8:30 a.m. sharp!
START/END: MOCA Plaza, 770 NE 125 ST., North Miami
LENGTH OF THE RIDE: Round trip approximately 10 miles

  The Get in Gear Community Bike Ride is an ACHIEVE wellness initiative in partnership with the North Miami Parks and Recreation Department and the North Miami Police Department.

For more information call the North Miami Office of the Mayor and Council at 305-895-9815 or 305-895-9816 northmiamifl.gov/celebrate





Upcoming Events & Green Holidays

The City of North Miami is hosting its annual Earth Fair event on April 23rd, 2022. The fair aims to raise awareness of the importance of sustainable practices such as recycling, water conservation, environmental stewardship, and energy efficiency. The event will feature various free services such as electronic and paper recycling, and tree giveaways.

- National Park Week: April 16-22
- April 22: Earth Day
- April 29: Arbor Day
- May 20: National Endangered Species Day, World Bee Day
- May 22: International Day for Biological Diversity
- June 3: World Bicycle Day
- June 5: World Environment Day
- June 8: World Oceans Day
- July 3: International Plastic Bag free day
- July 26th: International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem

For more information

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Enchanted Forest Elaine Gordon Park

