

The Green Scene

Amazing animals, lush gardens and buildings designed with the Earth in mind make Lincoln Park Zoo one of the greenest scenes in the city. By following the easy tips in our Green Guide, you can help us in our quest to preserve the world's wildlife.



Resources

Looking for more ways to increase the green in your life? Visit the sites below for additional environmental information:

- *Lincoln Park Zoo's Green Page*
www.lpzoo.org/green
- *The City of Chicago Department of Environment homepage*
www.cityofchicago.org/Environment
- *10 Ways to Go Green and Save Green*
www.worldwatch.org/node/3915
- *Union of Concerned Scientists*
www.ucsusa.org/
- *Energy-Saving Light Bulb Guide & more*
www.environmentaldefense.org
- www.StopGlobalWarming.org

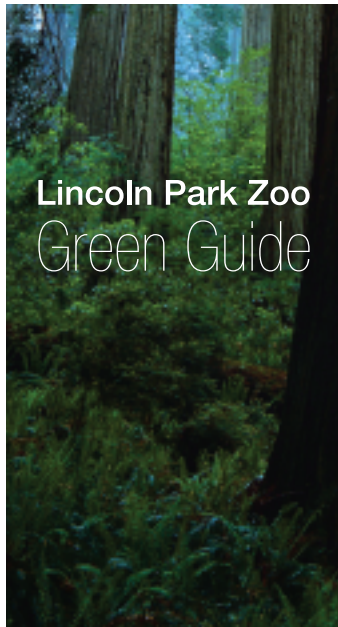
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Conserve Energy

Air pollution and global climate change threaten animals worldwide. Cutting down your energy consumption can help to preserve wild populations.

- Use energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs
- Use warm or cold-water settings when washing clothes
- Set your thermostat two degrees cooler in winter and two degrees warmer in summer
- Unplug electronics, microwaves and battery chargers when not in use
- Look for efficient ENERGY STAR labeled appliances at www.energystar.gov

Shop Responsibly

Identify products that make an effort to preserve native habitats as well as the animals that live there.

- Use paper products—tissues, towels, notebooks and more—made from high post-consumer recycled content

- Toss your trash in recycled plastic bags
- Wash with non-antibacterial soap
- Cook with local and organic foods
- Savor fair-trade, shade-grown coffee and chocolate
- Enjoy sustainably harvested seafood
- Decorate with low-VOC paints and sealers
- Paper or plastic? Neither—bring your own bag instead!
- Interested in other purchases that can help the planet? Check out the sustainable shopping guide at www.worldwatch.org/taxonomy/term/44

Recycle, Reduce, Reuse

Reduce the waste of natural resources and prevent healthy ecosystems from being exposed to harmful chemicals by thinking before you toss.

- Not sure what you can recycle or where to take it? Visit <http://cityofchicago.org> or www.earth911.org for a list of options.
- Don't throw TVs, electronics, batteries or

fluorescent lights into the dumpster

- Inquire about your workplace recycling program and utilize it to its fullest
- Donate or sell unneeded items
- Switch from disposable products to reusable alternatives

Cut Down On Pollution

Every trip taken via bus, train, bike or foot decreases the amount of pollution entering the air, helping people and animals breathe easier.

- Ride your bike instead of driving—visit www.chicagobikes.org for electronic bike maps, suggested routes and biking tips
- If you drive to work, consider setting up a carpool
- Don't drive often? Try a car-sharing plan—www.igocars.org and www.carsharing.net provide a list of options.
- Plan car-free trips in the Chicagoland area by using the RTA's Trip Planner at <http://tripsweb.rtachicago.com>

Save Water

Taking steps to reduce water use prevents strain on wetland habitats that mammals, birds, frogs and fish rely on for food and shelter.

- Add native plants to your yard, garden or window box—they require less water than introduced plants
- Replace showerheads with inexpensive low-flow versions
- Repair dripping faucets by installing new washers
- Wait until you have a full load to run the dishwasher or washing machine
- Fill a plastic half-gallon milk jug with gravel and add it to the water tank of your toilet to save water with every flush
- Look for water-saving tips online at <http://www.epa.gov/water/citizen.html>