

Simple Steps to Make a Big Impact

6 Simple Ways to Go Green

City Programs

- 1. Glendale employees use alternative transportation.** The City encourages employees to [bike, bus or carpool](#) to work. Utility meter readers ride mountain bikes and the Sanitation trucks use biodiesel.
- 2. Glendale employees participate in recycling programs.** Glendale saves money (more than \$1 million per year) through employee recycling efforts such as printer cartridges, old office furniture and equipment, scrap metal and cardboard.
- 3. Glendale parks have water efficiency programs.** The Glendale Parks Department implemented a water budgeting and monitoring program that lowered total water use in 2009 to levels below water use in 2002, even though 100 acres of park space was added in that same time.
- 4. Glendale reduces energy demands throughout the city.** With funding from the federal [Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant](#) the city has made energy efficiency improvements throughout the city. Read about the city's new [landfill gas to energy project](#). Glendale also uses solar traffic signs, bus shelters and solar speed radar.
- 5. Glendale preserves open spaces.** Glendale offers outdoor [recreational opportunities at over 90 parks](#) and facilities. The majority of Glendale residents live within one mile of a neighborhood park.
- 6. Glendale offers free educational and cultural amenities.** Glendale has [three libraries in the city](#) where you can access free books, magazines, audio materials, and movies. Find out about educational and cultural events at [Glendale's public libraries](#).

What You Can Do

- 1. Try alternatives to driving solo.** Glendale offers free [circulators](#) in addition to Valley Metro buses. Glendale also supports [biking](#) around the city. Support local business and reduce the number of miles your food travels by eating [locally grown foods](#).
- 2. Reduce waste in your home.** Glendale offers [curbside recycling](#) to city residents. Look for [electronic recycling events](#) and dates for of [hazardous waste collection](#) appointments.
- 3. Reduce the amount of water you use each month.** Glendale offers free on-site [landscape consultations](#) and [rebates for grass removal](#). Attend a [free landscape and gardening class](#). The Water Conservation Office will work with your HOA to develop a [free water budget](#) designed for your landscaped common areas.
- 4. Reduce energy use in your home.** Learn about energy efficiency at Glendale's free [Green Living Classes](#). Take advantage of state and federal incentives for installing [solar electric](#) and/or [solar water heaters](#). Find out how to get a [solar permit](#).
- 5. Enjoy and protect the city's natural resources.** Get outside and enjoy [Glendale's many parks and other facilities](#). Learn about ways to protect our washes and [reduce pollution](#) in our streets and water ways.
- 6. Participate in your community's cultural events.** Art and culture are important to sustainability too. Check out a [free Culture Pass](#) from the library to attend local museums. Discover [Glendale's local art and history](#) in the downtown area as well.