

GooseChase Missions: Tacoma Earth Month 2021

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Missions	Responses	Points
Week 1: Sustainable Food		
<u>Simmer it Over With Bone or Vegetable Broth</u> One of the easiest ways to create less waste and use more of the foods we already buy is to create broth from leftovers. Try making a broth yourself! Watch Dan's bone broth tutorial on Urban Green and answer the question to the right to score some points. Chicken Bone Broth with Dan Corum on Urban Green: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2pNRMQCXY&t=316s	How long does Dan cool his finished broth for?	200
<u>Love Local, Eat Local</u> When possible, getting food produced locally reduces the overall carbon footprint of our meals. Do you have any locally grown or locally made food at home? Are you growing any of your own food? To earn points take a picture of what you've got or what you're growing!	Attach or add your "Love Local, Eat Local" photo:	100
<u>Don't Leave (Carbon) Footprints In Your Food!</u> There are a few easy ways you can reduce the carbon footprint of the food you eat: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Eat less meat2. Buy locally produced foods3. Buy only what you need4. Get creative with your kitchen scraps	Attach or add your "Don't Leave (Carbon) Footprints in Your Food!" Photo:	200

<p>Try out one of the low carbon recipes shared on Tacoma Sustainability Facebook page this week, or find your own inspiration!</p> <p>Low Carbon Cooking - Earth Month (cityoftacoma.org)</p> <p>Take a picture and share your delicious creation with us for the points.</p>		
<p><u>One Person's Trash is Another Worm's Treasure</u></p> <p>Sending organic materials like food scraps to landfills is a waste of reusable nutrients and contributes to climate change when rotting food emits methane. Instead, the food scraps we cannot eat can be turned into compost to feed our soils, reducing demand for synthetic petro-chemical fertilizers and water.</p> <p>Anyone with a Tacoma solid waste curbside yard waste bin can compost their food waste with their yard waste. If you have a garden, you can even start your own compost pile, or worm bin, and make your very own compost to use in your yard at home! You can learn how to start a worm bin or backyard compost pile at an EnviroHouse Workshop. Check out the link and send us a picture of your food waste container of choice and pledge to keep food waste out of the landfill to earn some points.</p> <p>Worm Bins - EnviroHouse How To - YouTube</p>	<p>Attach or add your "One Person's Trash is Another Worm's Treasure" photo:</p>	<p>100</p>
<p><u>What's Growing On?</u></p> <p>Whether you've got a big garden or just a few containers in your apartment, you can grow your own food no matter where you live. Growing your own food is a great way to reduce the carbon footprint – it only has to travel from your garden to your table! Plus, there's nothing more rewarding than watching a seed grow into a beautiful plant.</p> <p>Check out the City of Tacoma EnviroHouse How To video series on YouTube and tell us one thing you learned about planting herbs or root vegetables for the points.</p> <p>EnviroHouse How To's - YouTube</p>	<p>What's one thing you learned about planting herbs or root vegetables?</p>	<p>100</p>
<p><u>Discover "Food is Free Tacoma"</u></p> <p>Have you heard of Food is Free Tacoma?</p>	<p>Attach or add your "Food is Free Tacoma" stand photo:</p>	<p>200</p>

<p>Food is Free is a non-profit movement to increase access to food, by sharing with your neighbors! Food is Free participants give away food they do not need (but that is perfectly good) from their garden or pantries.</p> <p>Check the Food is Free Tacoma Map to find the nearest Food is Free stand to you. Visit a local Food is Free stand and send us a picture for some points.</p> <p>https://foodisfree253.com</p>		
<p><u>What's That Growing in Your Community?</u></p> <p>No space at home to garden? Check out the Community garden map from Pierce Conservation District and consider getting involved in one of the community gardens and orchards near you. Text back the name of the community garden in your area and earn points!</p> <p>Find a Community Garden Pierce Conservation District, WA (pierccd.org)</p>	<p>What's the name of the community garden near you?</p>	<p>100</p>
<p><u>Shopping List: 1. Less Food Waste</u></p> <p>Reduce your food waste by planning before you shop! Go to the link for preventing wasted food from the City of Tacoma and in the Challenge Toolkit you'll find a printable shopping list. If you print one out and take a photo with it you'll earn points!</p> <p>Preventing Wasted Food - City of Tacoma</p>	<p>Attach or add your "Shopping List" photo:</p>	<p>100</p>
<p><u>Waste Less Food</u></p> <p>Tired of getting rid of perfectly good food? Don't know what to do to store food for later use? Bananas on the counter or in the fridge? Go to the link for preventing wasted food from the City of Tacoma and check out the Food Storage Tips to get a couple of ideas for storing your food. Give us 3 tips you learn to score points.</p> <p>Preventing Wasted Food - City of Tacoma</p>	<p>What are 3 tips you learned to prevent food waste?</p>	<p>100</p>
<p><u>Hey, is Anyone Picking that Fruit?</u></p> <p>Have you ever noticed a fruit tree that has been ignored and the fruit is going to waste? The Pierce County Gleaning program has an active group of volunteers who practice the art of gleaning - or, gathering leftover food before it goes to waste. Gleaned food is then donated</p>	<p>What are two ways to help with the Gleaning Project?</p>	<p>100</p>

<p>to help those in need of food assistance. Learn how to volunteer with the Gleaning Project follow the link to the website and learn about the Harvest Pierce County Gleaning Program. To get some points text back 2 ways to help with the Gleaning Project.</p> <p>Gleaning Project (piercecountygleaningproject.org)</p>		
<p><u>“Spoiler” Alert! (Or, maybe not?)</u></p> <p>Many packaged foods are stamped with the phrase “best by”, “use by”, or “best used by”, etc. These labels can be confusing, as you might think that after that date the food is spoiled and should be thrown out. (“Spoiler” alert – that’s not always the case!) The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has information to help get the facts on just what those labels actually mean. Check out the FDA link, then take a photo of each type of “best, use, sell, by” label you can find on your food to score points.</p> <p>Confused by Date Labels on Packaged Foods? FDA</p>	<p>Attach or add your “‘Spoiler’ Alert!” photo:</p>	<p>200</p>
<p><u>Whatchya Got Cookin’ (Local)?</u></p> <p>Ever wanted to have a meal with ingredients directly from a nearby farm? Locally, there are a few Chefs and restaurants that source their ingredients locally. Search out farm to table restaurants in the area. Send us a text with 1 or 2 options you discover and you’ll earn some points.</p> <p>Celebrate Tacoma (arcgis.com)</p>	<p>What are 1 or 2 local owned restaurants in your area?</p>	<p>100</p>
<p><u>What’s Your FOODprint?</u></p> <p>Want to know the environmental impact of your diet? Calculate your Foodprint – the carbon, nitrogen, and water footprint of the food you eat with this neat tool developed by Harvard University!</p> <p>Foodprint Calculator (harvard-foodprint-calculator.github.io)</p>	<p>What’s one thing you are going to change in your diet to reduce the impact of what you eat?</p>	<p>200</p>
<p>Week 2: Waste Prevention</p>		
<p><u>It’s Not Trash. It’s ART.</u></p> <p>Plastic wrappers from food and other products we buy at the store are common garbage items because they cannot be recycled or composted. Instead of trashing your wrappers,</p>	<p>Attach or add your “It’s Not Trash. It’s ART” photo and a short description:</p>	<p>300</p>

<p>wash them, and turn that trash into art! Wash and dry some food wrappers that you may have normally thrown away and use the clean wrappers to create a piece of art.</p> <p>Picture examples of wrapper art: https://childsplayabc.wordpress.com/2020/01/06/sweet-wrapper-crafts/</p> <p>Show and tell your completed masterpiece to earn points!</p>		
<p><u>To Garbage, or Not to Garbage? That Doesn't Have to be the Question!</u></p> <p>Sometimes it's hard to know what to do with waste. Does it belong in the garbage? Can it be recycled? Should it go in the food and yard waste container? Find out how to sort your waste correctly with the City's new waste sorting game from Recollect! Play the game, then send us a picture of your Certificate of Achievement to earn points!</p> <p>https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=53584</p>	<p>Attach or add your Recollect Certificate of Achieve photo:</p>	<p>200</p>
<p><u>Wild World of Waste Reduction</u></p> <p>What is your trash made up of? What is the most common item in your trash can? Let's get scientific with waste reduction to find out! Follow the steps below, then answer the questions to earn points.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Save ALL your trash for one week. 2. At the end of the week, grab some gloves and sort your trash into categories, depending on the types of items you see (i.e. plastic bags, food wrappers, paper towels, cartons, etc.). 3. Count it up! How many plastic bags did you throw away? How many paper towels? And so on ... <p>Note: There are many ways to conduct a waste audit. Click on the link to learn about other options for auditing your waste.</p> <p>Waste Audit Instructions: How To Conduct A Household Waste Audit - Conserve Energy Future (conserve-energy-future.com)</p>	<p>Question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What type of item did you throw away the most - Was it mostly milk cartons, to-go coffee cups, food wrappers? - What is one change you can make to reduce what's ending up in your trash can? 	<p>500</p>
<p><u>Cut Your Consumption</u></p>	<p>What's your "Cut Your Consumption" pledge?</p>	<p>200</p>

<p>What's the best way to make sure something doesn't end up in the landfill? Don't buy it in the first place.</p> <p>Sometimes buying something new is necessary, but often there are alternatives. Consider the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do I really need this? Before buying something, think about the item for a day or a week, then make a decision. 2. Can you borrow or rent it? Try borrowing or renting before you decide if you need to own it. 3. Can you purchase second-hand? There are many options for buying used items – thrift stores, second hand bookshops, and online sharing networks. <p>Now, pledge to make a change in your purchasing behavior! It can be a bigger change – like not buying ANYTHING new for a year - or a smaller change – like not making any online impulse buys for a week. The important thing is to hold yourself accountable. Share your pledge with someone you know or post it to @TacomaSustainability on Facebook or Instagram.</p> <p>Watch The Story of Stuff on youtube for inspiration: The Story of Stuff - YouTube</p> <p><i>To prevent waste, I pledge to not buy new <u> ITEM NAME </u> for <u> AMOUNT OF TIME </u>.</i></p>		
<p><u>Keep 253 Litter Free!</u></p> <p>To celebrate Earth Month, do your part to keep your neighborhood litter free! Use the link to register for a litter clean-up event on Saturday, April 17 with community litter leaders from Litter Free 253 OR lead your own litter clean-up.</p> <p>Remember to wear gloves, place your collected litter in a garbage container, wash your hands, follow COVID safety protocols, and most importantly, HAVE FUN! Sign up at: LitterFree 253 Tacoma Cleanup — Signup Sheet SignUp.com</p> <p>Snap a litter clean-up selfie and tell us when and where you picked up litter in your caption to earn points.</p>	<p>Attach or add your “Keep 253 Litter Free!” selfie:</p>	<p>500</p>
<p><u>Nifty Thrifty</u></p>	<p>Attach or add your “Nifty Thrifty” photo:</p>	<p>100</p>

<p>Reusing items is a great way to reduce waste. When we buy second-hand we give old books, clothing, and more a new life AND we reduce waste. Visit a local second-hand store and take a picture of a fun, thrifty find to earn points!</p> <p>Check out places you can donate and shop second-hand at: https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/environmentalservices/solid_waste/waste_free_253</p>		
<p><u>Better Business</u></p> <p>Many local businesses are making decisions to help the environment by reducing or preventing waste. Going paperless, encouraging customers to bring their own bag, offering recycling and/or food and yard waste collection are all ways local businesses can make less trash!</p> <p>Contact your favorite local business and ask them what they are doing to reduce waste. Not sure which local business to call? Visit the City’s Waste Free 253 webpage for ideas.</p> <p>https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/environmentalservices/solid_waste/waste_free_253</p> <p>To earn points, tell us which business you contacted and one thing you learned about their waste prevention practices.</p>	<p>Which business did you contact and what is one thing you learned about their waste prevention practices?</p>	<p>200</p>
<p><u>Discover the Tacoma Tool Library</u></p> <p>Are you thinking about starting a do-it-yourself project? When you’re just starting out, DIY projects can feel overwhelming, especially if you don’t have all the tools you need to complete your project. Tacoma Tool Library is here to help and open for curbside tool lending!</p> <p>Visit the Tacoma Tool Library website and browse their inventory.</p> <p>https://tacomatoollibrary.org/</p> <p>Even if you are not yet ready to start your DIY project, name three items you are interested in borrowing from the Tacoma Tool Library to earn points!</p>	<p>What are three items you can borrow from the Tacoma Tool Library?</p>	<p>100</p>
<p><u>Sharing is Caring (and it’s Sustainable too!)</u></p>	<p>Attach or add your “Sharing is Caring” photo:</p>	<p>100</p>

Sharing is caring and it's also a great way to reduce waste! Little Free Libraries are a great local resource for sharing books, as well as, games, puzzles, movies, and toys. Check out the map of Little Free Libraries in Tacoma – then visit a Little Free Library near you to pass on or pick up a second hand book!

<https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/>

To earn points, take a picture of what you donate or pick up at the Little Free Library.

Spring Cleaning Has Sprung!

Declutter your home in a safe and sustainable way by utilizing two local resources: The Tacoma Recycle Center and the Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility! Tacoma residents can recycle items, including many that cannot be placed in a curbside recycling container – like plastic bags, scrap metal, caps, and lids – at Tacoma Recycle Center.

And residents can safely dispose of household hazardous waste products that they no longer want or need – like batteries, motor oil, paint, and household chemicals – at the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility.

Check out the new Customer Guide to the Recycle Center and Household Hazardous Waste Facility to learn what items are accepted at these locations.

https://cms.cityoftacoma.org/enviro/Sustain/Recycle_Center_Guide_FINAL_January2021.pdf

What are you planning to drop-off at the Recycling Center?

100

Week 3: Sustainable Fashion

Get it Repaired

Americans throw away over 32 billion pounds of textiles (clothing, fabrics, shoes, etc.) a year! Extending clothing life by just three months can reduce carbon, water and waste footprints by up to 10 percent.

A great way to extend the life of your clothes is to get them repaired. Have something at home that needs mending? Find out where you can get it repaired locally by a professional to keep your clothes out of the landfill and support a local business!

Take a photo of your repaired item when it's fixed and share your repair story to score those points.

Attach or add your "Get it Repaired" photo:

200

<p><u>Repair it Yourself</u></p> <p>If you're feeling extra adventurous, learn how to mend a clothing item yourself!</p> <p>There are plenty of simple fixes you can do with a basic sewing kit like replacing a button or mending a rip. If you don't know how to get started, check out some resources like DoltYourself.com, or call a friend or family member who may know how!</p> <p>Need a resource to get started? Check out How to Mend Your Clothes DoltYourself.com</p> <p>Share a picture of your newly mended item.</p>	<p>Attach or add your "Repair it Yourself" photo:</p>	<p>300</p>
<p><u>Closet Audit</u></p> <p>While you are doing your spring cleaning, take some time to go through and reflect on the clothes you own. You can take a look at the closet audit instructions at Fashion Take Actions.</p> <p>How (and why) to do a closet audit Fashion Takes Action</p> <p>Here are a few additional questions to consider as you take a hard look at your closet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How long have I had each item of clothing? What are the things that I love that have lasted me forever? 2. What fabrics are my clothes made out of? 3. How often am I buying new clothes because my old ones are worn out? How much of my clothes are second-hand? <p>After your closet audit, write in one thing you learned from this experiment that will change your clothing purchasing behavior.</p>	<p>What did you learn from conducting a closet audit that will change your clothing purchasing behavior?</p>	<p>200</p>
<p><u>Re-Fashion Show</u></p> <p>Channel your inner fashionista and upcycle an old article of clothing or linens you aren't using into a new item you can wear again!</p> <p>Maybe you've got an old dress you aren't wearing anymore that would really suit you re-made into a shirt or skirt. Or ripped pants that are ready to become summer shorts.</p> <p>Check out Refashionista for inspiration: REFASHIONISTA Est. 2010</p>	<p>Attach or add your "Re-fashion Show" photo:</p>	<p>300</p>

<p>Get creative and then show off your new outfit with a photo to earn those points!</p>		
<p><u>How Dirty is Your Closet?</u></p> <p>Calculate the carbon footprint of your clothing decisions with ThredUp’s Fashion Footprint Calculator.</p> <p>Fashion Footprint Calculator (thredup.com)</p> <p>What’s your fashion footprint? Let us know to score some points.</p>	<p>What’s your fashion footprint?</p>	<p>100</p>
<p><u>Give Your Laundry Some “Bounce”</u></p> <p>Did you know that adding balls of wool to your dryer when you’re doing laundry can decrease drying time and replace fabric softener?</p> <p>Making your own dryer balls is easy and using them will save electricity and keep your clothes looking nice for longer.</p> <p>Follow these simple instructions for making wool dryer balls and then send us a picture of your new creations!</p> <p>DIY Reusable Dryer Balls HGTV</p>	<p>Attach or add a photo of your homemade wool dryer balls:</p>	<p>300</p>
<p><u>Green Screen Movie Night</u></p> <p>Host your own private movie night with a documentary on the fashion industry and sustainability.</p> <p>Here are a few of our favorites that are available on multiple streaming platforms:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The True Cost (2015) 2. RiverBlue (2017) 3. The Next Black (2014) 	<p>What are 3 things you learned about the fashion industry? What changes will you make in your fashion choices?</p>	<p>200</p>
<p><u>Shop Local</u></p> <p>Explore local, certified small, minority owned, or woman owned clothing companies in Tacoma with the Celebrate Tacoma map!</p>	<p>What’s the name of your favorite local clothing company?</p>	<p>100</p>

<p>Celebrate Tacoma (arcgis.com)</p> <p>Name your favorite local clothing company, and earn those points!</p>		
<p><u>Clothing Crafts</u></p> <p>Sometimes clothes really are too small, too damaged, or too stained to continue as clothing items, but that doesn't mean they are done being useful!</p> <p>There are lots of ways you can repurpose clothing to make something new. Here are some crafty ideas!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knit or sew your old t-shirts into a weighted blanket 2. Use old clothes to stuff a pillow/poof for new seating 3. Cut old clothes into handy rags and dusters <p>Send us a picture of your re-purposed textiles for the points!</p>	<p>Attach or add your "Clothing Crafts" photo:</p>	<p>300</p>
<p><u>Tacoma ThreadCycle Event</u></p> <p>Drop-off old clothes, linens, and fabric at the Tacoma ThreadCycle event Saturday April 24th from 10am to 2pm! Textiles will be collected by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound at the Tacoma Recycling Center – 3510 S Mullen St., Tacoma 98409.</p> <p>This event is a partnership between the City of Tacoma, The Chayah Movement, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound.</p> <p>Learn more about this event at: Earth Month Events - City of Tacoma</p> <p>Take a selfie with your donated materials at the event to earn points!</p>	<p>Attach or add your ThreadCycle Event selfie:</p>	<p>200</p>
<p>Week 4: Sustainable Communities</p>		
<p><u>Only Rain Down the Drain</u></p> <p>The City of Tacoma maintains an extensive stormwater management system which help us to move rainwater out of our communities and prevent flooding. Go outside and find the catch basin (the drain near the road or sidewalk) closest to where you live! Take a photo of</p>	<p>Attach or add your "Only Rain Down the Drain" photo:</p>	<p>200</p>

<p>the catch basin and caption with the cross streets (example: S. 36th Street and S. Fawcett Street) to earn points.</p> <p>Remember: What hits the ground, hits the Sound. Only rainwater should flow down the storm drain!</p>		
<p><u>Water(shed) Water(shed) Everywhere!</u></p> <p>A watershed is an area of land where all the water drains to one place. There are 8 distinct watersheds in the City of Tacoma. If you're reading this in Tacoma, you're standing in one of these watersheds right now! Find out which watershed you live in by using the attached Tacoma Watersheds map.</p> <p>https://cms.cityoftacoma.org/surfacewater/WATERSHED-08-2011.pdf</p> <p>Write the name of the watershed you live in to earn points.</p>	<p>What watershed do you live in?</p>	<p>100</p>
<p><u>Save the Salmon</u></p> <p>Watch the linked video, answer the following question, and earn those points!</p> <p>https://www.seattletimes.com/video/6213644395001/tire-dust-is-killing-coho-in-urban-streams/</p> <p>What is the newly discovered, major source of pollution that is endangering Coho salmon in Puget Sound?</p>	<p>What is the newly discovered, major source of pollution that is endangering Coho salmon in Puget Sound?</p>	<p>100</p>
<p><u>Poetic Pollution</u></p> <p>Some say that art imitates life. How does pollution impact your life? Can you use art to express it? Give it a try by writing a Haiku* about the impacts of pollution in your life or in your community. Submit your poem to earn points!</p> <p>*Haiku – A form of Japanese poetry, with 5 syllables in the first line, 7 syllables in the second line, and 5 syllables in the third line. No rhyming necessary.</p> <p>Example: <i>O Trash! Woe is me! You belong in a trash can, Not littered at sea.</i></p>	<p>Add your Pollution Poem here:</p>	<p>200</p>

<p><u>Get to the Point!</u></p> <p>Visit the Point Defiance Regional Stormwater Facility to learn how the City of Tacoma teamed up with Metro Parks Tacoma to filter stormwater and protect Puget Sound. This facility uses native plantings, stormwater treatment cells, and bioswales to treat 8 million gallons of stormwater every day.</p> <p>Learn more at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AirQhbZXaLE&feature=emb_logo</p> <p>Take a photo with this stormwater treatment infrastructure to earn points.</p>	<p>Attach or add you “Get to the Point!” photo:</p>	<p>300</p>
<p><u>Walk, Bike, Scoot, or Skate!</u></p> <p>Explore sustainable modes of transportation this Earth Month! Take a bike ride, scooter, skate, or walk along one of many local multi-use paths. Use the attached map to find a multi-use path near you.</p> <p>Bike Map Pierce County, WA - Official Website</p>	<p>What is the name of the trail or bike path you explored and what mode of sustainable transportation did you use?</p>	<p>300</p>
<p><u>Adopt-a-Spot</u></p> <p>Sign up to join the City’s Adopt-A-Spot program! To Adopt-A-Spot, you simply need to have a team of volunteers who will pick up litter at your “spot” twice a year for at least two years. The City will provide gloves, trash bags, and disposal services for your clean-up events. If you plan to pick up litter as a group, remember to keep your group size small (5-10 people), wear a mask, and practice social distancing. Visit the Adopt-A-Spot website to learn more.</p> <p>Adopt a Spot website: https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/neighborhood_and_community_services/adopt-a-spot_and_neighborhood_litter_patrol</p> <p>Adopt a Spot application: https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=38900&rqst=22</p> <p>To earn points for this mission, answer the two questions below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where did you decide to Adopt-a-Spot? 2. What is the name of your Adopt-a-Spot group? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where did you decide to Adopt-a-Spot? 2. What is the name of your Adopt-a-Spot group? 	<p>500</p>
<p><u>Take a Selfie with a Tree</u></p>	<p>Attach or add your “Take a Selfie with a Tree” photo:</p>	<p>100</p>

<p>Do you have a favorite tree? Trees provide us with countless benefits from filtering air pollution to keeping us cool on hot days. They provide homes for animals and keep our hillsides from eroding. We think they deserve a little publicity for their work!</p> <p>Take a selfie with your favorite tree to earn points!</p>		
<p><u>Be Water Wise!</u></p> <p>Saving water is a great way to protect the environment and save money on your utility bill. For this mission, tell us about one way you are already saving water where you live. Check out some helpful water saving tips on Tacoma Public Utilities’ website for ideas.</p> <p>https://www.mytpu.org/ways-to-save/save-water-lower-bill/save-water-at-home/#pattern_3</p>	<p>How are you being water wise?</p>	<p>200</p>
<p><u>Take a Tree Tour!</u></p> <p>Celebrate Earth Month by celebrating trees! Tacoma has a rich canopy of trees from native trees to introduced trees, and some ancient species. Go out and visit one of the many parks and snap a photo with the park sign. If you’re looking for more info on a self-guided tour, check out Wrights Park’s tree tour.</p> <p>Free self-guided tree tour at Wright Park in Tacoma - Greater Seattle on the Cheap</p>	<p>Attach or add your “Take a Tree Tour” photo:</p>	<p>200</p>
<p><u>Greener Cleaning</u></p> <p>Many store-bought cleaning products use harsh chemicals that may be hazardous to you and the environment. Greener Cleaners can be a safe alternative! Make your own Greener Cleaner, using the recipe in the link.</p> <p>https://cms.cityoftacoma.org/enviro/greener-cleaners/all-purpose-cleaner.pdf</p> <p>Take a picture of your Greener Cleaner when you are done to earn points.</p>	<p>Attach or add your “Greener Cleaner” photo:</p>	<p>300</p>
<p><u>Bee Friendly</u></p> <p>Do our pollinator friends a favor and add native plants to your yard! For resources on native plants, what to plant in your garden, and where to find native plants, check out the South Sound Chapter of Washington Native Plants Society for up-coming webinars and guides.</p> <p>South Sound (wnps.org)</p>	<p>Which Washington Native Plants Society event did you register for?</p>	<p>100</p>

<p>To earn points, tell us one event you registered for or one native plant you learned about that you can add you're your garden.</p>		
<p><u>Electrifying Tacoma!</u></p> <p>Electric vehicles, buses, light rail, bicycles, and scooters – oh my! All of these electric modes of transportation help us to reduce carbon emissions and mitigate the impacts of climate change. Find an example of an electric mode of transportation or electric charging infrastructure near you. Send us a picture of what you find to earn points.</p> <p>Hint: Your picture could include ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Tacoma Link Streetcar - An electric vehicle - An electric bike, scooter, or skateboard - An electric charging station (see map: https://afdc.energy.gov/fuels/electricity_locations.html#/find/nearest?fuel=ELEC) 	<p>Attach or add your “Electrifying Tacoma!” photo:</p>	<p>200</p>
<p><u>Art for Earth Month</u></p> <p>What does earth day mean to you? Illustrate it in sidewalk chalk. Get out there on a sunny day and decorate your sidewalk. Use images of stars, the sun, moon, clouds, lakes, plants, trees, birds, fish, frogs, cats, dogs...or whatever you'd like! Before the rain washes it away take a picture with your masterpiece and earn points.</p>	<p>Attach or add your “Art for Earth Month” photo:</p>	<p>200</p>
<p><u>Litter Lunge</u></p> <p>Get some exercise while protecting our ecosystem! Pick up litter while you are on a jog or walk around your neighborhood.</p> <p>Here are some guidelines for picking up litter: https://cms.cityoftacoma.org/enviro/UrbanForestry/GreenTacomaDay/Litter_Lunge_GTD_2020_Guide_with-logo.pdf</p> <p>Send us a photo of you lunging for litter to earn points!</p>	<p>Attach or add your “Litter Lunge” photo:</p>	<p>300</p>
<p><u>Give Back on Earth Day</u></p>	<p>Attach or add your “Give Back on Earth Day” photo:</p>	<p>500</p>

Want to get your hands dirty with a restoration project? Volunteer at a Pierce Conservation District event on Saturday April 24th!

PCD is hosting 3 different volunteer work party opportunities:

1. Restore rain gardens at local schools with Orcas Love Raingardens
2. Remove invasive species and improve open spaces, forests, and parks with Green Puyallup Partnership
3. Work with Habitat Stewards at Whittier Park in Fircrest

Sign up at: [Pierce Conservation District, WA \(piercecd.org\)](https://www.piercecd.org)

Note: Volunteer capacity is limited at in-person events so register early! Masks and distancing in line with Covid-19 guidelines will be required on site.

To earn points, send us a photo from the event!